

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Côte Rôtie - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Côte Rôtie, Vallée du Rhône, France

Wine of hearts of Coteaux. Only from "major" Terroirs on Côte Brune.

### THE VINTAGE

Strange and paradoxical... This vintage has reserved us quite a few surprises, and still raises questions. Although described as « Great » by some Vignerons, its strong heterogeneity, depending on the sectors, imposes us to be attentive, measured, though hopeful.

2018 : the vegetative cycle is early. Spring sees generous rains and heat strokes alternate. According to "Elders", from memory one has to get back to the 60' to observe such pressure of diseases in the vineyard. And, unfortunately for some Domaines, the processing windows would, in the main, only open at the week-ends... The vintage therefore promises to be technically complicated, demanding meticulous, tedious, even relentless work, in the vineyards. Damage and losses vary... but yields on Grenache are historically low... Providentially, once again, we could count on Mother Nature's final "nudge" ! Without hesitation we can assert that the quality of the remaining grapes, the quality of their juice, is mainly due to a brilliant month of September.

Indeed, the weather conditions during the harvest were almost perfect. Cool but sunny weather, with well-marked, valued, thermal amplitudes... The Vigneron was able to choose in all serenity the ideal moment to harvest, plot of land by plot of land, without having to operate any constrained arbitration...

### TERROIR

Landonne, Lancement, Chavaroche

### AGEING

12 months in new and one old barrels.

Then 12 months in foudre.

Tronçais – Allier

### WINEMAKING

100% not destemmed

### VARIETAL

Sérine, Syrah 100%

13,5 % VOL.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: More than 60 years years old

### TASTING

Extreme ripeness, phenomenal concentrations. And, yet, no imbalance, but, on the contrary, a distinct nobility... Future superlative Classic !



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK**

93-95/100

"One of the stand outs was the 2018 Côte Rôtie Vieilles Vignes, another classic expression of an appellation, offering a complex perfume of black raspberries, crushed flowers, peppery herbs, and incense aromas and flavors. More medium to full-bodied, nicely concentrated and elegant, it's going to drink nicely right out of the gate."

Jeb Dunnuck, 16/08/2019

**Decanter**

95/100

"This is an ambitious style; concentrated with considerable oak influence but tempered by the use of whole bunches and the lack of overt toast on the barrels. It's a compelling wine that is very well balanced with ripe tannins and a distinct classicism of style alongside a long sappy, sapid finish. A blend of Côte-Brune terroirs, old vines. No destemming, matured for a year in new and second use Tronçais oak barriques, then for a further year in Stockinger foudres."

Matt Walls, Decanter, 31/10/2019

 Jancis Robinson  
jancisrobinson.com

16,5/20

"Deep purplish crimson. Seems even more evolved and full-blown on the nose than the Coteaux Comas from this address. juicy and less structured. just a little diffuse. With a lightness and lack of focus on the end compared with the Coteaux. Very dry finish."

Jancis Robinson, 11/11/2019

**Wine Spectator**

94/100

"This has a gorgeous core of velvety cassis and steeped plum fruit inlaid deeply with a cast iron spine, while violet and dark olive notes skitter through. Ends with a long, smoldering finish"

Wine Spectator, 30/06/2021

 WINE ENTHUSIAST  
MAGAZINE

96/100

Wine Enthusiast, 11/01/2021

