

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu Laurent - Cornas - Vieilles Vignes
AOC Cornas, Vallée du Rhône, France

A Wine which demands and deserves an attentive élevage, so that it can express its full potential.

THE VINTAGE

2015 - Vintages in « 5 », vintages which bring good luck. Often...

Spell of the years in « 5 » ? The fact is that, in recent decades, Vintages ending in « 5 » - 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015 - , carry success stories, in Vallée du Rhône, but also, more generally, in the whole of the Vineyards of France. It must be said that 2015 put the odds on its side, with almost optimal climatic conditions for each and every season of the year! Thus, winter is rainy, allowing vines to benefit from good water reserves. Spring awakening is somewhat late - 3 weeks delay, compared to 2014, yet, the weather gradually settles, and flowering takes place in excellent conditions: the output of grapes is quite simply outstanding. The summer period arrives then quickly, with extremely hot months of June, July and August. Nevertheless, one cannot speak of heat wave, as the nights remain cool. Consequently, thermal amplitudes are absolutely phenomenal. No pressure from pests and diseases, the vineyard and the winemaker breathe freely. Everything is looking fine before the start of the harvest...

Ripe, but not too much. Summer and the month of September are punctuated by rains, avoiding the suffering of the vines, a key element during the summer period. The grapes mature slowly. Unfortunately, the rain that falls around September 20th is the "too much" rain... Pity, we were right next to a huge Vintage... But, well, no worry, the Style of the Vintage remains more than charming, with full, juicy, and silkiest Wines !

TERROIR

Les Eygats, Patou.

AGEING

New barrels. Tronçais and Allier.

WINEMAKING

50% non destemmed.

VARIETALS

Sérine, Syrah

13,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 80 to more than 100 years old

TASTING

High class and refinement in this Cuvée, with its scents of hot stones and wild blackberries...



REVIEWS AND AWARDS



91-94/100

"Possessing more fat, richness and breadth than the Cuvee Coteaux, the 2015 Cornas Vieilles Vignes boasts a deep, saturated purple color with notes of blueberries, ripe black cherries, asphalt, crushed rock and licorice. This is a big, decadent beauty that has lots of baby fat, but also building, ripe tannin, excellent mid-palate depth and a great finish. Forget bottles for 5-6 years and enjoy over the following decade."

Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate, 30/12/2016



16,5+/20

"Much more intense and direct than the Coteaux bottling. Very round with extremely well-managed tannins. Yet it communicates the wildness of the appellation. A baby, with animal hints and a tarry finish. Not for the uninitiated."

Jancis Robinson, 14/10/2016



95/100

Decanter, 01/02/2018

