

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Saint Joseph - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

Like 1991 coming after 1990, this Great Vintage - as this is a Great Vintage - may go somewhat unnoticed, after the celebrated 2015, and in the shade of its dazzling southern cousin...

A certain heterogeneity amongst Red Wines, a gorgeous aromatic definition in the white Wines. All Northern wines will not necessarily be successful this year. The harvest was generous. Sometimes even a little too generous. The quality of some cuvées undeniably suffered, on some sectors. However, and as always, the «reasonable and serious» Vignerons produced superbly colorful, stylish, and mineral Wines, which ranks this 2016 Vintage in the elite of the successful Vintages. with full, juicy, and silkiest Wines !

### TERROIR

La Madonne sur Chavanay, Coteaux Vitrine sur Saint-Pierre-de-Bœuf, Sainte-Epine sur St-Jean de Muzols, les Oliviers sur Mauves.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Hard and decomposed granits.

### AGEING

12 months in new and one vintage barrels. Allier et Tronçais. Then 8 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

1/3 non destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Serine, Syrah

12,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Serine: over 100 years,  
Syrah: 60 years. years old

### SERVING

16°C

Decant an hour before tasting.

### TASTING

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### REVIEWS AND AWARDS



16/20

"Le Saint-Joseph est d'avantage connoté par le graphite: qui épouse le granite."



## La Revue du Vin de France





16,5/20

"Very ripe and sweet – almost too much so. I miss the salty savour of most northern Rhône wines but perhaps I am looking a gift horse of ripeness in the mouth. Floral notes – most unusual. Perhaps those are the Sérine? This almost seems a curiosity. It's certainly not classic St-Joseph, though it does finish very neatly on a savoury note. Very transparent – almost filigree. This could almost be a (caricature of a) Lafarge Volnay ..."

Jancis Robinson, 01/12/2017

**Wine Spectator**

91/100

"Fresh, with a juicy edge to the mix of raspberry and red currant coulis flavors, laced with singed mesquite, tobacco and olive hints. Offers a light brambly feel through the finish."

wine spectator, 30/11/2018

