

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Côtes du Rhône - Cuvée Spéciale

AOC Côtes du Rhône, Vallée du Rhône, France

*To our great satisfaction, the Vieilles Vignes of Grenache did not suffer from coulure. Beautiful bunch setting, with a fair balance from one vine to the next.*

### 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 Garrigues, Roaix.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Round Pebbles and sand.

### AGEING

12 months in 2 years old barrels. Allier and Tronçais.

### WINEMAKING

Organic Farming. 100% destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Grenache 95%, Others 5%

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 70 years old. years old

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### SERVING

14°C



## TASTING

The wine is refined, highly elegant, with a delicate touch in the mouth...

## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



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"Spicily perfumed. More aromatic and lifted than the Guy Louis 2015. On the palate it is still pretty grainy and, with all those tannins on the end, needs further ageing but it should age very gracefully. Definitely many cuts above the appellation average. Ambitious. This will be released only in autumn 2017 and Corneys are selling it specifically in magnums."

Jancis Robinson, Jancis Robinson, 14/10/2016



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Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France, 31/08/2017

