

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu-Laurent Rasteau - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Rasteau, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

Understanding and succeeding this vintage required, indeed, presence in the Vineyard, careful work, experience, and even, clearly, a genuine expertise...

Winter temperatures amongst the mildest in the decade, rainfall amounts amongst the highest ever in winter, among the lowest ever in spring, and a nice output of grapes throughout the Rhone cépages : everything would raise hope of an early vintage, the ever expected Vintage, satisfactory both in terms of quantity and of quality ! But it was not counting on an unusually cool and rainy summer... Vignerons are soon confronted with quite a few difficulties, the trickiest one being the management of diseases...

The first three weeks of September revive the vintage... September, the month of wine !

2014 demanded, especially during the final weeks, hard, incessant work. The vines were in demand. It was crucial to understand, to be able to anticipate... This required a bit of wisdom, reason, intuition...

A vintage for Vignerons, indeed. And the best ones did perform with talent. They are now rewarded. As for the others, alas... There, is the whole difference

### TYPE OF SOIL

Limestone-clay slopes and blue clay.

### AGEING

12 months in one vintage old barrels. Allier and Tronçais. Then 6 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

100% destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Grenache 70%, Syrah 25%, Mourvèdre 5%

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: 80 years, Syrah and Mourvèdre: 40 years old

### SERVING

14°C

Decant an hour before tasting.

### TASTING

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



91/100

"The 2014 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes is about as ripe and textured as they come. Made from 70% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre that will see 18 months in barrel and foudre, it sports a deep purple color to go with notes of roasted herbs, chocolate and black raspberries. Drink it on release and over the following 5-8 years."

**Jeb Dennuck, Wine Advocate, 01/10/2015**



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"Deep crimson. Notably spicy, even garrigue-scented, nose. Not that much weight on the mid palate for a wine with this alcoholic strength. It's competent but a little angular in the middle and finishes off with lots of heat on the end that's not really in sync with the fruit weight."

**Jancis Robinson, 30/10/2015**

14,5/20

"Les Rasteau 2014 exhale le parfum d'un ramassé à haute maturité, qui donne une bouche ample, malgré la vivacité du millésime et des tanins abondants mais souples. Son fruit reste net et précis."

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