

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Gigondas - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Gigondas, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

It is not in our nature to be pessimistic. Even less to be alarmist. But the strength of the situation is imposed us : the French Vineyard suffers head-on the effects of climate change. It is not an isolated case. Obviously. Simply, we are, here, in a position to take the measure of this alteration, vintage after vintage ...

2019 vintage was marked by an extreme drought. Between April and September, the Vineyards did not benefit from any serious rain. The little water that fell would evaporate before it had even moistened the soil. To add to the anticipated catastrophe, June broke heat records.

The disaster, considering volumes or quality, could only be major. Yes, but... But the Vines, and especially the old Vines, are capable of resistance, of resilience, which impose respect... We can but watch. And humbly admire this plant which strives to adapt... And we are shaken at the idea that, one day, the current upheavals will exceed the permissible thresholds, and that our wonderful Grape varieties may be forced to fade...

Finally, harvest time came... No water in the soils. Barely a few drops... And this was the moment when Mother Nature gave a little help ! In mid-September, salvaging rains - some twenty millimetres - completely changed the face of the Vintage. The Vines, that lack of water and strong heats had stressed, relaxed, and the phenolic maturities were triggered... A winning bet for the Vignerons who made the choice of being patient ! But, how not to wonder, when "miracles" appear as more and more requisite "ingredients" with each new vintage... ? Paradoxically, white wines display beautiful freshness of aromas and taste. Exquisite balances harmonize the underlying concentration... Minerality, highlighted by tailored healthy cultural practices, structures the Wines. The reds are built, dense and deep. A synthesis between the 2007 and 2016 Vintages. And thus, in the end, 2019 will probably be valued as one of the "Legend Vintages"...

### TERROIR

Pied-Gu?, Les Teyssonnières, La Bouïssière, Les Dentelles, Le Cayron

### AGEING

10 months in one and two vintages old barrels. Allier and Tronc?ais. Then 12 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

3/4 non destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Grenache 90%, Mourvèdre 5%, Syrah 5%

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache, Mourvèdre : 60 + to 100 years Syrah : + to 40 years old



## TASTING

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK**

92-94/100

"Moving to the Crus, the 2019 Gigondas Vieilles Vignes boasts a saturated purple color as well as a terrific nose of crème de cassis and black raspberry fruit interwoven with lots of peppery garrigue, earthy mineral, and sandalwood aromas and flavors. Textured, medium to full-bodied, and balanced, this classic, spicy, character-filled Gigondas will benefit from short-term cellaring and have 10-15 years of overall longevity."

**Jeb Dunnuck, 14/12/2020**

**Wine Spectator**

94/100

"Singed anise and juniper accents lead the way in this plush, ripe offering, with a set of warmed cassis, cherry paste and boysenberry pâte de fruit notes taking center stage and lasting through the graphite-laced finish. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre."

**Wine Spectator, 28/02/2022**

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

93/100

"Notes of blackcurrants, plums, black olives, dried herbs and stones on the nose. It's full-bodied with firm, tight tannins. Structured with a chalky texture and a concentrated core of black fruit. Vibrant and tannic finish"

**James Suckling, 05/07/2021**

