

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



**Maison Tardieu-Laurent Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
Vieilles Vignes**

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Vallée du Rhône, France

**THE VINTAGE**

Strange and paradoxical... This vintage has reserved us quite a few surprises, and still raises questions. Although described as « Great » by some Vignerons, its strong heterogeneity, depending on the sectors, imposes us to be attentive, measured, though hopeful.

2018 : the vegetative cycle is early. Spring sees generous rains and heat strokes alternate. According to "Elders", from memory one has to get back to the 60' to observe such pressure of diseases in the vineyard. And, unfortunately for some Domaines, the processing windows would, in the main, only open at the week-ends... The vintage therefore promises to be technically complicated, demanding meticulous, tedious, even relentless work, in the vineyards. Damage and losses vary... but yields on Grenache are historically low... Providentially, once again, we could count on Mother Nature's final "nudge" ! Without hesitation we can assert that the quality of the remaining grapes, the quality of their juice, is mainly due to a brilliant month of September.

Indeed, the weather conditions during the harvest were almost perfect. Cool but sunny weather, with well-marked, valued, thermal amplitudes... The Vigneron was able to choose in all serenity the ideal moment to harvest, plot of land by plot of land, without having to operate any constrained arbitration...

**TERROIR**

La Crau, Palestor, Les Gardioles

**AGEING**

Ageing 8 months in new and one year old barrels. Allier, Tronçais and Jupille.

**VARIETALS**

Grenache blanc 40%, Roussanne 30%,  
Clairette 20%, Bourboulenc 10%

**13,5% % VOL.**

Bottling: Without fining and light filtration.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

Age of vines: Grenache : 60 years,  
Roussanne 40 years Clairette/Bourboulenc :  
50 years years old

**SERVING**

12°C

Decant just before service.

**REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

**Wine Spectator**

94/100

"Creamy and alluring in style, with lemon sorbet, white peach, yellow apple, fennel and jasmine notes all curling around one another. A warm brioche accent completes the finish."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 25/09/2019



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desseuve**

18/20

Guide Bettane et Desseuve des vins de France, 31/08/2019

*Jancis Robinson*  
JancisRobinson.com

16,5/20

"Not that intense on the nose but very true. Honeyed and lively — quite a triumph! Perhaps because of the varieties other than Grenache Blanc? Interesting slightly sour herbal note. Good wine with length."

Jancis Robinson, 11/11/2019

