

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu-Laurent Châteauneuf-du-Pape - Vieilles Vignes - 2023

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

THE VINTAGE

It took just a few days...few days to oscillate a vintage between a « Great Vintage » and a « Complex vintage ».

However, the winter, finally « classic », rocked by a fairly rigorous cold, pushed back any risk of spring frost.

The vegetative cycle was regularly watered by abundant rains. The diseases were putting pressure on the vinegrowers !

Nonetheless, the experience of the 2018, year with high mildew, still engraved in the vinegrowers' memory, made it possible for them to carefully control this pressure.

The vinegrowers serenely entered the summer season, with good water reserves and a beautiful harvest in perspective.

Moreover, rare fact, the summer granted us a few days of mild rain.

On August 15th, the rhodanien vineyards were healthy and green. The vinegrowers were rejoicing as everything was a hallmark to a "Great Vintage".

Unfortunately, as is often the case over the last few years, Mother Nature decided otherwise. For a couple of days, the French vineyards, and most particularly the Rhône's suffered a wave of extreme heat.

Leaving little chance to the grapes of the young vines and early ripening terroirs.

Only old vines, and not even all, of low yield, on protected terroirs and late ripening, found resilience in getting their berries to optimal ripeness.

The catastrophe was avoided. However, the qualities were very heterogeneous, even amongst the most experienced cellars....

Once again, our meticulous work of selection will have found all its meaning this year!

Paradoxally, the whites are very digest and balanced. On the palate, they are bright and harmonious.

The quality of the reds however, are more varied from one grape variety to the next. Against all expectations, the Syrah played its card right, with fruits without any excess. The wine issued from Old vines Grenache are racy and precise!

TERROIR

La Crau, Cabrières, Les Bedines, Les Guardioles, Bois Dauphin, Maupertuis

AGEING

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

WINEMAKING

1/2 not destemmed

VARIETALS

Grenache noir 80%, Mourvèdre 15%, Syrah 5%

14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and very light filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache : 80 to 100 years - Mourvèdre : 60 to 80 years - Syrah : 50 years old



SERVING

14°C

Decant 2 hours before tasting.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK 96/100

"Cut from the same cloth as the Galets d'Or yet darker, richer, and more concentrated, the Châteauneuf Du Pape Vieilles Vignes is based on 80% Grenache and 10% each of Syrah and Mourvèdre that was 50% destemmed and aged 24 months in foudre and used oak. Its deeper ruby hue is followed by a powerful bouquet of ripe black cherries, roasted garrigue, candied orange, pepper, and roasted meats. It's a rich, full-bodied 2023 that has a round, layered mouthfeel, beautiful tannins, and a great finish. It's very much in the more forward, ripe, expressive style of the vintage, yet this brings impressive mid-palate depth as well as overall concentration."

Jeb Dunnuck, 11/11/2025

Wine Spectator

93/100

"Seductive and perfumed, with a pronounced layer of crushed iron supporting juicy plum puree, melted licorice and grilled aniseed. Applewood smoke wafts through the full-bodied frame, held in check with firm red tea tannins."

Wine Spectator, 31/01/2026

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

92/100

"Generous and focused, with sweet cherries, ripe red berries and sweet baking spices on the nose, following through to a full body with ripe tannins. Flavors of fruit and sweet spices with a generous finish."

James Suckling, 19/01/2026

