

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu Laurent - Saint Joseph - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France

THE VINTAGE

Indisputable and obvious consequences of a climatic change?

The Rhone vineyard has experienced in the last two years, two extreme, paradoxical and diametrically opposite vintages. 2021, frosty, cool and rainy. 2022 excessively dry and sunny. This observation leaves us perplexed and wondering about the future of the vineyards.

Our overall assessment of the first juices was more severe, but certainly more objective than those of our colleagues, describing the vintage as one of the most qualitative of the last five years.

Of course 2022, has some wonderful surprises in store for us but also its fair share of disappointments.

As a matter of fact, the "Great Valley" had to go through a lot of climatic pitfalls during the season. Due to the intense, previously unseen and unprecedented drought.

Once again, the resilience of the vine in the face of these climatic hazards, commands our respect and admiration. But up until which point?

As so often, may be too much to our liking, everything hangs by a thread. The mid-august and September rain more or less intense, had the salvaging effect on the sectors where the point of no return, water stress and the balance had not yet been reached.

This 2022 vintage is also indeniably marked by a strong heterogeneity between the appellations but also at the heart of the same appellation. Tastings at producers are primordial for amateurs. Our meticulous work of selection will have even more meaning this year and will reveal our know-how!

TERROIR

Le Paradis sur Mauves – La Ribaudy sur Chavanay – Rochecourbe sur St Pierre de Boeuf

AGEING

Fermenté et élevé 12 months in new, one and two years old barrels

VARIETALS

Marsanne 85%, Roussanne 15%

13,5 % VOL.

Bottling: No fining and very light filtration

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: To 30 years & 40 years years old

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK 94/100

"A more mineral-driven, subtly reductive style, the 2022 Saint Joseph Vieilles Vignes Blanc has gorgeous citrus and fresh quince fruits, sappy flowers, and a terrific sense of minerality in its aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied, focused, has good concentration, and a great finish."

Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck, 28/03/2024



Decanter

93/100

"A ripe style, with a mango and rich peach flavour. Full-bodied, fairly powerful, with slightly noticeable alcohol but it's only slightly raised. Creamy and fresh on the palate; a classic, well-made example. Fermented and matured for 12 months in new and one- and two-year-old barrels."

Decanter, 18/09/2023

