

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu-Laurent Côtes-du-Rhône Rouge Cuvée Spéciale

AOC Côtes du Rhône, Vallée du Rhône, France

« *Vin de mouchoir - handkerchief Wine* », it highlights its aromatic appeal... Kind of evanescent in style, this “*Vin en dentelles - lace Wine*” will be secretly appealing in its youth... !

### 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

### TERROIR

Les Garrigues.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Round Pebbles.

### AGEING

12 months in 2 years old barrels. Allier and Tronçais. Then 6 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

Organic Farming. 100% destemmed.

### VARIETAL

Grenache 100%

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 70 years old. years old

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### SERVING

14°C



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

15,5/20

"Entre élégance naturelle, finesse de grain et parfaite lecture de leurs appellations respectives, les vins présentés confortent notre idée selon laquelle il s'écrit ici un hommage aux grands vins du Rhône."

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