

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



**Maison Tardieu - Laurent, Vallée du Rhône Sud & Bandol, AOC Bandol, Rouge, 2021**

AOC Bandol, Provence, France

*A ?ask that the Amateurs will enjoy from its ?rst years.*

**THE VINTAGE**

Vintage 2021 was incontestably a thumb to the nose of the last “solar” vintages which we have seen recently in the Rhone Valley. Real 30 year flashback, typically reminiscent of more classical harvest dates in the Vindémiare calendar and phenolic maturity from the 90s..

Indeed, this vintage has given us, on all levels, a lot of emotions. Blame it on the particularly capricious weather conditions, sweet understatement!

Extreme frost episode from 7th to 9th April, with some temperatures nearing -10C, affected without exception almost all the French vineyards. Cataclysmic observations: the vine for more than 3 weeks was brain dead! Some vinegrowers thought they had lost their ancestral heritage. Miraculously, nature took back control. But this was not without consequences. The vine stocks were deeply tilted, even unbalanced. The 2nd shoots were anarchic, the labour work extremely complicated.

Fortunately, the beneficial rains throughout the vegetative cycle, the moderate temperature in the summer and a beautiful late autumn enabled us to approach harvest season with serenity.

Like every year, nature decides for us. This is what makes this job beautiful and delicate. But undeniably, 2021 will remain forever the vintage of a great “vigneron” (vinegrower).

**TERROIR**

Le Castellet.

**TYPE OF SOIL**

Limestone-clay soils.

**AGEING**

24 months in one and two vintages old barrels. Allier and Tronc?ais.

**VARIETALS**

Mourvèdre 95%, Grenache 5%

**14% % VOL.**

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

Age of vines: Over 50 years. years old

**SERVING**

14°C

Decant 2 hours before you serve.



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK** 93/100

"The 2021 Bandol is deep purple-hued with a killer bouquet of black and blue fruit, ground pepper, and sappy herbs that carries to a medium to full-bodied, concentrated Bandol with terrific purity, a concentrated, focused mouthfeel, building tannins, and a great finish. It needs 2-4 years of bottle age but will have two decades of overall longevity."

**Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck, 30/10/2023**

**JAMESUCKLING.COM** 91/100

"Dark berries, wild herbs, plums and stones on the nose. Medium to full body with fine tannins. Round and textural with a juicy core of dark berries mingling around the herbs and spices. Clean finish. Drink or hold."

**James Suckling, James Suckling, 17/11/2023**

