

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu Laurent- Crozes Hermitage - Vieille Vignes

AOC Crozes-Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

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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

Gervans, les Méjeans

TYPE OF SOIL

Decomposed granite.

AGEING

12 months in one year and new barrels. Allier et Tronçais. Then 6 months in foudre.

WINEMAKING

1/3 non destemmed.

VARIETAL

Syrah 100%

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 60 years and more years old

13,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

SERVING

16°C

Decant an hour before tasting.



TASTING

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REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK 88/100

"Pretty blue fruits, violets, game, and bay leaf notes all emerge from the 2021 Crozes-Hermitage Vieilles Vignes, a medium-bodied, elegant Crozes offering fine tannins, nicely integrated acidity, and a good finish. It's a beautiful wine from a very challenging region in the Northern Rhône in 2021."

Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck, 28/03/2024

JAMESUCKLING.COM 91/100

"Dark cherries, smoke, grilled meat and roasted peppercorns. Medium body with fine tannins. Creamy with a well-rounded, caressing texture. Dense at the center with a voluptuous finish."

James Suckling, James Suckling, 13/11/2023

