

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu-Laurent Crozes-Hermitage Vieilles Vignes

AOC Crozes-Ermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

*Here is a Cuvée which meets a growing success. Truly possessing the soul of Rhône Nord Wines, which is not so easy to find in this Appellation, this Wine already offers a lot of pleasure !*

### 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..

North winds coupled with a lovely late summer make forget this atypical summer. The grapes reach an excellent phenolic maturity.

The vines were in demand. It was crucial to understand, to be able to anticipate...

This required a bit of wisdom, reason, intuition...

### TERROIR

Larnage, Battis, Gervans, les Chassis.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Decomposed granite.

### AGEING

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

### WINEMAKING

75% non destemmed.

### VARIETAL

Syrah 100%

### 12,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 60 years. years old

### SERVING

16°C

Decant an hour before tasting.



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



16,5/20

"Mid crimson. Meaty nose and very polished tannins. Admirably aromatic for a 2014. A lively drink for the short term, skilfully made. Much more juice and breadth on the palate than many Crozes. A good wine but note drinking window."

**Jancis Robinson, 30/10/2015**



90-92/100

"Bright violet. Spice- and mineral-accented blackberry and cherry aromas are complemented by suggestions of licorice and cola and backed by subtle olive and mineral nuances. Shows very good clarity and lift in the mouth, offering bitter cherry and dark berry flavors that become spicier with air. Nervy, penetrating and precise, with strong finishing thrust and late-arriving tannins adding grip."

**Josh Reynolds, Vinous, 01/02/2016**

