

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



**Maison Tardieu Laurent - Côtes du Rhône Villages
- Les Becs Fins**

AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages, Vallée du Rhône, France

Gard area, mostly. Assemblage of Syrah and Grenache, Grenache which, in this sector, succeeded well.

THE VINTAGE

2013 recalls vintages of the early 80s, with wines of heterogeneous quality. Most striking feature: the old vine did not, as is the rule, make the difference. Exceptional... indeed, some sectors suffered a lot, with a historically low harvest, due to "coulure" but also to the extreme cold of the preceding year. Therefore, the old vine had trouble ripening its - too scarce - grapes : it kept on growing, thus « forgetting » its fruit. Another observation : it seems that vignerons who pruned in March succeeded better.

With regards to 2013, as you will have understood, detecting the "right" areas was even wiser than focusing on the very old vines exclusively. This is the approach which we operated. Harvest : the unusually cool and rainy spring has, from the start, conditioned the year, imposing a late harvest - in october... In some sectors, it was only completed on October 29th. and some of our partners who have vineyards at higher altitudes, cooler, early November !

To date, our wines display beautiful colours, with a distinguished, fresh fruit. A touch of austerity, with tannins which can be marked on some "cuve?es". Not the shadow of a doubt : here are wines which call for "e?levage"! And, if they lack, for the time being, a little harmony and roundness, they appear very "trendy", as though they had been designed for some markets in demand of wines that are fresh, yet typical, balanced, yet with moderate alcoholic degrees...

TERROIR

Estézargues.

TYPE OF SOIL

Galets roulés.

AGEING

Ageing 12 months in concrete tanks.

WINEMAKING

100% destemmed.

VARIETALS

Grenache 60%, Syrah 40%

14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: 60 years, Syrah: 30 years years old

SERVING

14°C

TASTING

This Cuvée will be superior to 2012, the small yields having concentrated the wines, while retaining an appealing balance.

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REVIEWS AND AWARDS



16/20

"Lightish crimson. Much more evolved on the nose than the Guy Louis bottling. Juicy fruit without that much tannin or concentration and more than a hint of rhubarb fruit. Warm, spicy and already enjoyable."

Jancis Robinson, 06/10/2014



87/100

"A lively bramble edge lines the plum sauce and raspberry flavors, with modest toast holding the juicy finish. Drink now"

Wine Spectator



90/100

"Smooth and ripe with juicy blackberry and tangy black raspberry; fresh and bright with clean style and a long, lively finish. 60% Grenache, 40% Syrah."

The Tasting Panel, 01/03/2015

14,5/20

"Une véritable élégance d'arômes (baies noires) et de texture avec une force de goût qui accélère une seconde partie de bouche. Un rouge qui sera de bon équilibre avec un canard rôti."

Gerbelle et Maurange, Guide Les Bonnes Affaires du Vin 2016, 01/08/2015

14,5/20

"Entrée de gamme exemplaire: aromatique dominée par la syrah, ensemble complet, corps fin, tannin très doux et persistance remarquable pour l'appellation. Probablement un des meilleurs côtes du rhône de cette édition."

Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France 2016, 20/08/2015

