

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Châteauneuf du Pape - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

A Vintage saved by the months of September and October, which were exceptional. A summer-like spring and a spring-like summer and an optimal autumn... This, more or less, summarises the Vintage. The weather conditions in spring, reminiscent of summer, suggested that it would be a relatively early harvest. But a summer, which more resembled spring in character, slowed down the maturity, above all that of Grenache. Autumn, however, enhanced everything, and, ultimately, provided fantastic conditions for the harvest. The conditions during the growing cycle really favoured Syrah and Mourvèdre. Grenache has suffered somewhat from a chilly and rainy July. Yields were also high, which tended to impede maturation and was a potential risk to the overall health of the grapes. As is so often the case in these conditions, Old Vines in Great Terroirs come into their own. Wines made from such vines and those which follow are, in my opinion, really exceptional. They are however an exception, representing a tiny proportion of the overall production. Buyers, beware, and be careful, therefore, when choosing your Wines!

### TERROIR

La Crau, les Serres, le Belvédère.

### AGEING

Allier and Tronçais new oak and one Wine casks

### VARIETALS

Grenache blanc 50%, Roussanne 50%

### 14% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining, Light filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

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

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

92/100

"This is like liquid honeycomb in its waxy, savory-sweet flavor. A blend of equal parts roussanne and grenache blanc, the wine picks up spice and vanilla from a dollop of oak, but it's the golden fruit and sun-warmed stone flavors that last, lush and lifted with well-wrapped acidity. Polished Chateauneuf."

Tara Q Thomas, *Wine & Spirit*, 01/02/2014

92/100

"Deep ruby. Candied dark berries, pipe tobacco, cola and licorice on the deeply perfumed nose. The palate offers lush, weighty blueberry and blackcurrant flavors that expand with air and pick up a peppery, spicy nuance. The clinging finish is firmed by youthful, chewy tannins."

Josh Reynolds, *Stephen International Wine Cellar*, 01/01/2014

### Wine Spectator

93/100

"Rather lush for the vintage, with a creamy feel to the fresh butter, white peach, yellow apple and Cavaillon melon notes. An echo of quinine lends lovely contrast to the finish. Roussanne and Grenache Blanc."

James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*, 31/10/2013

