

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Côte Rôtie

AOC Côte Rôtie, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

The quality of the wines, once again, has lived up to our expectations – offering some compensation for the yields in 2010 being extremely low, even lower than those of 2009 – already classified as a capricious vintage.

Relatively challenging conditions prevailed until the beginning of September...

Frost and humidity in the spring resulted in coulure (?ower dropping). Grenache was particularly susceptible.

Cool weather during the summer and fairly strong rains at the beginning of September made for very slow and uneven maturation. Fortunately, remarkably good weather followed and the fruit took full advantage of the very favorable conditions - by mid-September, warm weather was certainly back. The vines, with a relatively small potential harvest, were ready to take full advantage of the optimal conditions. Those vigneronns that were attentive waited, patiently, until optimal maturity was reached...

As a result, the fruit that was picked was essentially perfect, with superb concentration and ideal acidity levels, making wines with exceptional balance, an exceptional achievement.

The 2010 vintage is already impressive and has so much promise and so much charm.

### TERROIR

Landonne, Chavaroches, Rozier, Les Rochains

### AGEING

New barrel. Tronçais and Allier.

### VARIETALS

Sérine, Syrah

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Over 50 years. years old

### 13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration

### TASTING

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### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

#### Wine Spectator

94/100

"A sleek, racy, almost taut style, with red currant, loganberry and pomegranate notes that slowly flesh out, showing more plum and blackberry hints. Then dark ganache and briar take over on the finish and help it expand even more. Should blossom in the cellar."

James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*, 31/10/2012



92-94/100

"Inky ruby. Sexy, oak-spiced aromas of cherry-vanilla, woodsmoke, olive tapenade and potpourri. Then sappy, energetic and youthfully lithe, with excellent verve to its black and blue fruit compote, violet and candied licorice flavors. This youthfully taut, focused wine finishes very long and vibrant, with firm minerality and lingering dark fruit notes."

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar, 01/04/2012**

*Jancis Robinson*  
JancisRobinson.com

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"A blend from La Landonne, Chavaroche, Rozier and Les Rochains apparently with an average age of more than 50 years, billed as 'reminiscent of the great Côte Rôtie of yesteryear!' Mid to dark crimson. Rather heavier than the Côte Rôtie norm; arguably more Guigal than Jamet. Big and blustering; persuades more by mass than by finesse. Lots of still very awkward tannins on the finish. Bone dry but there is nothing ethereal about this. Very drying finish."

**Jancis Robinson, 28/11/2011**

