

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Saint Joseph - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France

This wine offers aromas which are characteristic of the terroir of the Northern Rhône, stylistically not unlike a good Côte-Rôtie!

### 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 (flower 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 vignerons 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

Saint Pierre de Bœuf, Mauves, Chavanay.

### AGEING

New oak casks - Allier and Tronçais.

### VARIETALS

Sérine, Syrah

13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 50 years and over. years old

### TASTING

The nose is floral, reminiscent of violets and the palate is fine, supported by elegant tannins.



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

### Wine Spectator

93/100

"This is liberally toasty, with lots of ganache and espresso notes pulling you in, but then there is a large core of pure, driven raspberry and boysenberry fruit, all framed by a racy graphite note that courses through the vivid finish. Thoroughly modern and beautifully rendered."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 31/10/2012

91-93/100

"Vivid purple. Seductive aromas of black raspberry liqueur, potpourri and Moroccan spices, with smoke and olive accents in the background. Sappy and seamless on the palate, displaying sweet red and dark berry flavors and a seductive violet pastille nuance. Finishes with impressive energy and lift, leaving spice and floral notes behind."

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 01/04/2012

