

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Hermitage

AOC l'Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

### THE VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 was incontestably a thumb to the nose of the last "solar" vintages which we have seen recently in the Rhone Valley. Real 30 year flashback, typically reminiscent of more classical harvest dates in the Vindémiare calendar and phenolic maturity from the 90s..

Indeed, this vintage has given us, on all levels, a lot of emotions. Blame it on the particularly capricious weather conditions, sweet understatement!

Extreme frost episode from 7th to 9th April, with some temperatures nearing -10C, affected without exception almost all the French vineyards. Cataclysmic observations: the vine for more than 3 weeks was brain dead! Some vinegrowers thought they had lost their ancestral heritage. Miraculously, nature took back control. But this was not without consequences. The vine stocks were deeply tilted, even unbalanced. The 2nd shoots were anarchic, the labour work extremely complicated.

Fortunately, the beneficial rains throughout the vegetative cycle, the moderate temperature in the summer and a beautiful late autumn enabled us to approach harvest season with serenity.

Like every year, nature decides for us. This is what makes this job beautiful and delicate. But undeniably, 2021 will remain forever the vintage of a great "vigneron" (vinegrower).

### TERROIR

Pierrelles, Beaume, Murets, La Croix

### AGEING

12 months in new and one old barrels

Then 12 months in foudre Stockinger

### VARIETALS

Marsanne 80%, Roussanne 20%

### 13,5% % VOL.

Bottling: No fining and very light filtration

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Marsanne : more than 50 years

Roussanne : more than 40 years old

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK** 96/100

"A big, ripe, opulent, and sexy white, the 2021 Hermitage Blanc has honeyed orchard and quince-like fruit, medium to full body, some acacia flower and spicy nuances, a layered, decadent mouthfeel, and that rare mix of freshness and richness that's so hard to deliver."

**Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck, 30/10/2023**

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM** 93/100

"Lovely nose of yellow plums, dried herbs, peaches, honeysuckle and sweet spices. Full-bodied with low acidity. Round and caressing texture with volume and balance. Full of energy with a delicious and generous finish"

**James Suckling, James Suckling, 06/12/2023**



**Wine Spectator**

94/100

"Warm and open, this also has hidden depth and impressive length. Shows yellow apple and singed orange layered with sun tea, juicy plum and salted brioche on the round palate. Lined with citrus oil and wet stone, the finish is marked by bitter quinine. Delicious. Marsanne and Roussanne."

**Wine Spectator, 31/12/2023**

