

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



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

AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages, Vallée du Rhône, France

*We chose to focus our assemblage on old Grenache : more present this year,  
they truly make wonders !*

**THE VINTAGE**

Time has come to grasp our dictionary of the superlatives, to try and tell the talent of this Vintage... Nonetheless, words will not suffice to describe the unfathomable pleasure that the Tasting of this fabulous Year triggers... ! Winter was characterized by relatively mild temperatures; then a cool spring slowed down the growing of the vine. And, throughout this period, steady, gentle, rainfalls evenly accompanied the vegetative cycle. These extremely propitious conditions have understandably had a positive impact on the harvest, fantastically beautiful, healthy, and generous... ! Summer season was marked by high heat, high without being excessive, with little rainfall. Extremely favorable factor, nights remained very cool. Therefore, the vines were under pressure, but moderately, at the limit of stress, yet without ever suffering ! As a result, maturation and concentration operated conjointly : here is one major key to the genius of this Vintage, which calls to the unusual the fantastic, at the borders of the explained and the unexplainable !

**TERROIR**

Gard

**TYPE OF SOIL**

Round pebbles.

**AGEING**

Ageing 10 months in concrete tanks.

**VARIETALS**

Syrah 60%, Grenache

**14,5% % VOL.**

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

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

**SERVING**

14°C

**TASTING**

Very detached Style, no artifice. Lush Cuvée with a pure fruit...



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

90-92/100

"The 2016 Côtes du Rhône Les Becs Fins is slightly more forward and charming, with a modern style in its cassis, vanilla bean and blackberry jam aromas and flavors. Possessing both richness and elegance, it's going to a delicious red that drinks well above its price point."

**JebDunnuck.com, 19/10/2017**



16,5/20

"Healthy deep crimson. Very 'serious', savoury, dense nose for a wine with this appellation. This tastes so much better than many a Châteauneuf I have had from less irreproachable sources! This is the first ambitious 2016 southern Rhône red I have tried and I am knocked out by the quality and concentration. No heat on the end. It would be a shame to drink this too young."

**Jancis Robinson, 01/12/2017**

"A good example of how much lighter and fresher Rhône white blends are becoming. This five-grape wine is light golden in hue, the nose has notes of white peaches, acacia honey, and a hint of tangerine; the palate is medium bodied, medium-dry with hints of just ripe apricot and grapefruit. At first the wine is quite rounded in the mouth but there's a mineral bedrock and a tangy, textured finish that balances everything nicely."

**the-buyer.net, 16/08/2018**

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

89/100

"Very pure, dark berries and cassis with wild flowers, too. The mid-weight palate has fluid, even and glossy tannins. Drink now."

**James Suckling, 29/08/2018**

**Wine Spectator**

90/100

"Pure and racy, showing a lovely beam of raspberry and red currant preserve flavors streaming through, flecked with anise and a light hint of black tea. A twinge of graphite gives the finish spine."

**James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 31/03/2018**



88/100

"A tank-aged cuvée, the 2016 Cotes du Rhone Les Becs Fins features plenty of briary raspberry fruit and garrigue-like herbs and spice. It's medium-bodied, with some firm tannins on the finish."

**Wine Advocate, 31/10/2017**



"Il joue la carte du fruit sur un lit de tanins très fins. Très grande fraîcheur en finale."

**En Magnum**

