

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu Laurent - Hermitage

AOC l'Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

Exceptional.

A level of quality that could make a great white Burgundy envious... This superb wine is amongst the best Hermitage Blancs ever produced by Tardieu-Laurent.

THE VINTAGE

The rather warm conditions of the last few vintages could have led us to believe that the same conditions would repeat themselves with the 2008 vintage, but, that was not the case!

The 2008 vintage will have a style that one could call old fashion, the product of a vintage that was from cold to very cold with very slow maturing rates.

The spring rainfall did not make things easier, promoting mildew which was responsible for the loss of part of the harvest.

The rather cold summer, with no periods of excessive heat, did not promote fast maturation of the grapes as had been the case in previous years.

At the beginning of September, an unexpected rainfall came to add complexity to this vintage, with strong rains, mainly in the north and in the Rhône Valley. This wet period was fared perfectly in those areas where the sanitary state of the fruit was perfect. The grapes that were in perfect good health were found in those vineyards belonging to the best vigneron. It was these same vigneron that received the full benefit of a long favorable period with cool temperatures and plenty of sun beginning in mid-September.

The weather during harvest brought smiles to our faces, knowing that the quality potential was rather good.

TERROIR

Pierelles, Beaumes, Murets, Maison Blanche.

AGEING

New barrels. Allier and Tronçais.

WINEMAKING

100% destemmed.

VARIETALS

Marsanne 80%, Roussanne 20%

13,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Light filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Marsanne 50 years and more, Roussanne 35 years. years old



REVIEWS AND AWARDS

93/100

"A blend of 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne that's aged all in new French oak, the 2008 Tardieu-Laurent Hermitage Blanc sports an almost white burgundy perfume of white peach, quince, almond paste, and classy oak and toast on the nose. Very fresh and focused, with fantastic precision and delineation aromatically, the wine is medium+ bodied on the palate and beautifully textured and balanced, showing solid acidity, laser-like focus, and a dry, very long finish. Excellent now (and shows best with a decant), this should be very long lived."

Jeb Dunnuck, *The Rhone Report*, 01/09/2011

91/100

"Light gold. Mineral-driven aromas of dried pear, peach and white flowers, with a subtle note of honey in the background. Sappy, palate-staining orchard and pit fruit flavors are braced by a lemony quality and given spine by firm minerality. An exotic spicy quality builds with air and carries through a long, smoky, chewy finish. Quite concentrated but this doesn't come off as heavy."

Josh Reynolds, *Stephe Tanzers International Wine Cellar*, 01/04/2011

Wine Spectator

92/100

"This has a broad, soft core of creamed peach, nectarine and Jonagold apple flavors, but the edges are fresh and mouthwatering, with quinine, verbena and candied lemon peel notes. A lingering chamomile hint adds more length."

James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*, 31/10/2010

