

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent- Crozes Hermitage - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Crozes-Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

### THE VINTAGE

Indisputable and obvious consequences of a climatic change?

The Rhone vineyard has experienced in the last two years, two extreme, paradoxical and diametrically opposite vintages. 2021, frosty, cool and rainy. 2022 excessively dry and sunny. This observation leaves us perplexed and wondering about the future of the vineyards.

Our overall assessment of the first juices was more severe, but certainly more objective than those of our colleagues, describing the vintage as one of the most qualitative of the last five years.

Of course 2022, has some wonderful surprises in store for us but also its fair share of disappointments.

As a matter of fact, the "Great Valley" had to go through a lot of climatic pitfalls during the season. Due to the intense, previously unseen and unprecedented drought.

Once again, the resilience of the vine in the face of these climatic hazards, commands our respect and admiration. But up until which point?

As so often, may be too much to our liking, everything hangs by a thread. The mid-august and September rain more or less intense, had the salvaging effect on the sectors where the point of no return, water stress and the balance had not yet been reached.

This 2022 vintage is also indeniably marked by a strong heterogeneity between the appellations but also at the heart of the same appellation. Tastings at producers are primordial for amateurs. Our meticulous work of selection will have even more meaning this year and will reveal our know-how!

### TERROIR

Gervans, Habrard, Tenay

### TYPE OF SOIL

Granitic Soils

### AGEING

Fermented and aged 8 months in new and one year old barrels  
Allier – Tronçais – Jupille

### VARIETALS

Marsanne 80%, Roussanne 20%

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: More than 50 years years old

### 13,5 % VOL.

Bottling: No fining, light filtration

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK** 93/100

"Gorgeous quince, honeyed flowers, spice, and some classy, savory herb notes all emerge from the 2022 Crozes-Hermitage Vieilles Vignes Blanc, a round, supple, layered Crozes that has beautiful purity and precision while staying rich and textured."

Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck, 28/03/2024



JAMES SUCKLING.COM

93/100

"A delicious white with apples, grapefruit, lemon rind and baking spices on the nose. It's medium-bodied with fresh acidity. It has a fruity and succulent character on the palate. Precise and poised with a flavorful, developing finish."

James Suckling, James Suckling, 14/11/2023

Wine Spectator

92/100

"Plump and alluring, with a juicy mix of peach, chrysanthemum and pear notes gilded with salted green herbs and a hint of buttercream. Full-bodied, with wet stone minerality and a bitter spike of grapefruit pith nicely balancing the warmth and weight. Marsanne and Roussanne."

Wine Spectator, 31/12/2023

Decanter

92/100

"A full-bodied, oaked cuvée, which is also ripe in fruit and with high alcohol. Extremely seductive to taste, it's explosively flavoursome but heady and rich – would be good with food. Appealing freshness under the oak, this will last. Fermented and aged for eight months in new and one-year-old barrels."

Decanter, 18/09/2023

