

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Côte Rôtie

AOC Côte Rôtie, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### 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

Landonne, Chavaroche, Moulin, Rozier, Champon.

### AGEING

New barrel. Tronçais and Allier.

### VARIETALS

Serine, Syrah

### 13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Over 50 years. years old

### TASTING

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

91/100

"On the elegant side of Côte Rôtie, this is spicy and herbal, a tight syrah filled with granite-like minerality and roasted plum flavor. It has the firmness and power to match well with substantial dishes, like duck cassoulet..."

Tara Q Thomas, *Wine & Spirit*, 01/02/2012



88/100

"Not as impressive as the 2007, Tardieu-Laurent's 2008 Côte Rôtie is still a very good wine, boasting notes of espresso and black olive tinged with oaky notes of cedar and cinnamon. Finishes with tart fruit and soft tannins..."

Joe Cerwinzki, *Wine Enthusiast*, 01/10/2011



91/100

"Very stylish, with a mix of blueberry, blackberry and red currant fruit laced with black tea and a tangy iron note. Lifting spice hints chime in on the finish."

James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*, 01/10/2011

90/100

"Vivid purple. Smoky black raspberry and cherry aromas, with classic syrah notes of cracked pepper and violet. Sappy, penetrating dark fruit flavors show a slight bitterness but gain sweetness with air and pick up a peppery quality. Lively and sharply focused on the finish, which repeats the smoke and floral notes. This drinks well now, with a little air."

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

