

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Hermitage

AOC l'Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

*An extraordinary wine, timeless!*

### THE VINTAGE

The quality of the wines, once again, has lived up to our expectations – offering some compensation for the yields in 2010 being extremely low, even lower than those of 2009 – already classified as a capricious vintage.

Relatively challenging conditions prevailed until the beginning of September...

Frost and humidity in the spring resulted in coulure (?ower dropping). Grenache was particularly susceptible.

Cool weather during the summer and fairly strong rains at the beginning of September made for very slow and uneven maturation. Fortunately, remarkably good weather followed and the fruit took full advantage of the very favorable conditions - by mid-September, warm weather was certainly back. The vines, with a relatively small potential harvest, were ready to take full advantage of the optimal conditions. Those vigneronns that were attentive waited, patiently, until optimal maturity was reached...

As a result, the fruit that was picked was essentially perfect, with superb concentration and ideal acidity levels, making wines with exceptional balance, an exceptional achievement.

The 2010 vintage is already impressive and has so much promise and so much charm.

### TERROIR

Pierelles, Beaumes, Murets.

### AGEING

New and one-year-old casks. Allier and Tronçais

### VARIETALS

Marsanne 80%, Roussanne 20%

### 13,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining light filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Marsanne 50 years,  
Roussanne 40 years. years old

### TASTING

An almost perfect balance! The mouth is pure and structured with an exceptional aromatic precision. Sheer density is masked by a vibrant freshness .

