

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes

AOC Vacqueyras, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### 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 (flower 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

Les Grès, Les Pendants, Le Plateau de Sarrians, la Ponche.

### AGEING

Tronçais and Allier new oak.

### VARIETALS

Grenache 75%, Syrah 25%

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache, 65 years, Syrah, 35 years. years old

### TASTING

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



91/100

"Like oak? Yes? Then this is the Vacqueyras for you. There's ample fruit weight to support the lush lashings of toasted coconut and luxurious vanilla notes and pull them through a long, velvety-textured finish."

Joe Czerwinsky, *Wine Enthusiast*, 31/12/2013



93/100

"This is gorgeous, with warm espresso, bittersweet ganache and Black Forest cake notes leading the way, followed quickly by lush currant preserves, crushed plum and hoisin sauce notes. The long, graphite-filled finish has terrific cut, while a smoldering feel lingers."

James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*, 31/10/2012

91-92/100

"Deep violet color. Intense mineral- and floral-accented aromas of raspberry, cherry and herbs, with slow-mounting spiciness. Offers elegant, tightly focused raspberry and boysenberry flavors and notes of clove, allspice and tangy minerals. Finishes bright, nervy and very long."

Stephen Tanzers *International Wine Cellar*, 01/02/2012



91-93/100

"The 2010 Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes is pure garrigue, kirsch liqueur, lavender and licorice. Full-bodied and unctuously textured, it displays the vintage's slightly higher acid and lower pH style that gives it a precision and vibrancy that is unusual in the southern Rhone."

Robert Parker, *Wine Advocate*, 01/10/2011



17/20

"Grenache with 25% Syrah. Dark and brooding. More open on the nose, and richly welcoming, than most of this producer's wines. Very concentrated but with some real sweetness and with tannins that are not too brutal."

Jancis Robinson, 28/11/2011

