

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu Laurent - Saint Joseph - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Saint-Joseph, 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 vignerons. It was these same vignerons 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

Saint Pierre de Bœuf, Mauves.

AGEING

New oak casks - Allier and Tronçais.

VARIETALS

Sérine, Syrah

13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 50 years and over. years old

TASTING

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REVIEWS AND AWARDS

88/100

"Bright purple. Dark berries, olive and cracked pepper on the nose. Sappy, slightly wound-up blackberry and bitter cherry flavors gain sweetness with air and pick up a smoky quality. The peppery note resonates on the modestly persistent, smoky finish."

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar, 01/04/2011

 Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

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"Pretty deep crimson. Light but reasonably fresh nose. Then lots of round, supple fruit – apparently much fuller and riper than most North Rhône 2008 Syrah – not a hint of pepper! Lots of winemaking here but a good attempt to cover up the vintage's shortcomings. There's even a bit of alcohol on the finish! But au fond there is not really much in the middle – but it's a triumph of prestidigitation. Very light, soft tannins."

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