

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu-Laurent Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc Les Becs Fins

AOC Côtes du Rhône, Vallée du Rhône, France

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THE VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 was incontestably a thumb to the nose of the last “solar” vintages which we have seen recently in the Rhone Valley. Real 30 year flashback, typically reminiscent of more classical harvest dates in the Vindémiare calendar and phenolic maturity from the 90s..

Indeed, this vintage has given us, on all levels, a lot of emotions. Blame it on the particularly capricious weather conditions, sweet understatement!

Extreme frost episode from 7th to 9th April, with some temperatures nearing -10C, affected without exception almost all the French vineyards. Cataclysmic observations: the vine for more than 3 weeks was brain dead! Some vinegrowers thought they had lost their ancestral heritage. Miraculously, nature took back control. But this was not without consequences. The vine stocks were deeply tilted, even unbalanced. The 2nd shoots were anarchic, the labour work extremely complicated.

Fortunately, the beneficial rains throughout the vegetative cycle, the moderate temperature in the summer and a beautiful late autumn enabled us to approach harvest season with serenity.

Like every year, nature decides for us. This is what makes this job beautiful and delicate. But undeniably, 2021 will remain forever the vintage of a great “vigneron” (vinegrower).

TERROIR

Big rounded pebbles from Sygnargues, Estézargues (Gard) and Plan de Dieu, Coteaux argilo-calcaires sur Vaison, Sables sur Cai-ranne

AGEING

6 months in concrete tank.

VARIETALS

Viognier 40%, Grenache 30%, Clairette 10%, Marsanne 10%, Roussanne 10%

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Viognier, Roussane, Marsanne : 20 years Grenache and Clairette : 40 years years old

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol content: 13,5% ABV

SERVING

10°C - 50°F

TASTING NOTES

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