

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



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

AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages, Vallée du Rhône, France

This offers a great deal of fruit, presented in a straightforward, accessible style. Intensely coloured, this combines depth with an easy-drinking character.

THE VINTAGE

The 2010 Vintage is an excellent year for laying down !

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...

TYPE OF SOIL

Round pebbles.

AGEING

Ageing in stainless-steel tank.

VARIETALS

Syrah 60%, Grenache 40%

14% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: 60 years, Syrah: 20 years old

SERVING

14°C

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**bettane +
desseauve**

14/20

"Comme à son habitude, voici une très belle réussite tout en gourmandise et en pulpeux de texture. Bienvenue à la gastronomie provençale."

Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France



Wine Spectator

87/100

"This friendly, open-knit style features a slightly bouncy feel to the cherry, raspberry and spice flavors. Modestly juicy finish. Drink now."

James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*



87-89/100

"The 2010 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Les Becs Fins is a tank-aged cuvee dominated by Grenache with some Syrah, Cinsault and Mourvedre included in the blend. Exhibiting notes of lavender, black currants, sweet cherry jam and licorice, this complex, medium-bodied red is ideal for drinking over the next 4-5 years."

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

