

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu - Laurent - Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes

AOC Vacqueyras, Vallée du Rhône, France

THE VINTAGE

Indisputable and obvious consequences of a climatic change?

The Rhone vineyard has experienced in the last two years, two extreme, paradoxical and diametrically opposite vintages. 2021, frosty, cool and rainy. 2022 excessively dry and sunny. This observation leaves us perplexed and wondering about the future of the vineyards.

Our overall assessment of the first juices was more severe, but certainly more objective than those of our colleagues, describing the vintage as one of the most qualitative of the last five years.

Of course 2022, has some wonderful surprises in store for us but also its fair share of disappointments.

As a matter of fact, the "Great Valley" had to go through a lot of climatic pitfalls during the season. Due to the intense, previously unseen and unprecedented drought.

Once again, the resilience of the vine in the face of these climatic hazards, commands our respect and admiration. But up until which point?

As so often, may be too much to our liking, everything hangs by a thread. The mid-august and September rain more or less intense, had the salvaging effect on the sectors where the point of no return, water stress and the balance had not yet been reached.

This 2022 vintage is also indeniably marked by a strong heterogeneity between the appellations but also at the heart of the same appellation. Tastings at producers are primordial for amateurs. Our meticulous work of selection will have even more meaning this year and will reveal our know-how!

TERROIR

Plateau de Sarrians, la Ponche, les Pendants.

AGEING

10 months in one and two old barrels.

Then 10 months in foudre - Allier and Tronçais

WINEMAKING

2/3 not destemmed

VARIETALS

Grenache 70%, Syrah 15%, Mourvèdre 15%

14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: over 60 years,
Syrah and Mourvèdre: 40 years. years old

TASTING

14°C



REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

92/100

"A well-rounded, dense, focused and flavorful Vacqueyras. On the nose grilled meat, wet stones, fresh herbs, black pepper and mild spices. Lively, medium- to full-bodied palate with velvety tannins. Dense and fruity with a juicy and fleshy finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

James Sucking, James Suckling, 17/06/2024

Wine Spectator

91/100

"Showcases silky-textured lushness and ripe fruit, offering blackberry and anise notes filigreed with baking spices and subtle toastiness. A foundation of graphite gives this shape, and juicy acidity drives the energy through the long, mineral-tinged finish. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre."

Wine Spectator, 28/02/2025

