

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu-Laurent Saint-Péray Vieilles Vignes

AOC Saint-Péray, Vallée du Rhône, France

Enriched by a Wine coming from a wonderful Coteau of old vines- a place called «La Beylesse» - the Cuvée will be more substantial than usual.

THE VINTAGE

Understanding and succeeding this vintage required, indeed, presence in the Vineyard, careful work, experience, and even, clearly, a genuine expertise...

Winter temperatures amongst the mildest in the decade, rainfall amounts amongst the highest ever in winter, among the lowest ever in spring, and a nice output of grapes throughout the Rhône cépages : everything would raise hope of an early vintage, the ever expected Vintage, satisfactory both in terms of quantity and of quality ! But it was not counting on an unusually cool and rainy summer... Vignerons are soon confronted with quite a few difficulties, the trickiest one being the management of diseases...

North winds coupled with a lovely late summer make forget this atypical summer. The grapes reach an excellent phenolic maturity. Les Vins Blancs are of very high level, in line with the preceding Vintage.

2014 demanded, especially during the final weeks, hard, incessant work. The vines were in demand. It was crucial to understand, to be able to anticipate... This required a bit of wisdom, reason, intuition...

A vintage for Vignerons, indeed. And the best ones did perform with talent. They are now rewarded. As for the others, alas... There, is the whole difference !

TERROIR

La Côte, la Beylesse.

TYPE OF SOIL

Clay-limestone soils.

AGEING

Ageing 12 months in new and one year old barrels. Allier, Tronçais et Jupille.

VARIETALS

Marsanne 50%, Roussanne 50%

13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and light filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Marsanne: 50 to 100 years,
Roussanne: over 40 years. years old

SERVING

12°C

Decant one hour before tasting.

TASTING

Already of high aromatic complexity, this wine will deserve to be cellared for a few years...



REVIEWS AND AWARDS



16,5/20

"Deep straw. Very tense and herbal on the nose. Almost medicinal in the nicest possible way. Sleek and fresh. Ready. Cool with green-fruit flavours."

Jancis Robinson, 30/10/2015



92/100

"Pale gold. High-pitched, mineral-tinged aromas of ripe citrus fruits, pear skin, white flowers and a hint of candied ginger. Concentrated and sharply focused, offering intense orange, pear and fig flavors that spread out slowly on the back half. The mineral element comes back strong on the incisive finish, which clings with superb tenacity. The Marsanne vines here are reportedly over a century old."

Josh Reynolds, Vinous, 01/02/2016

