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**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
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## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Gigondas - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Gigondas, Vallée du Rhône, France

*The "Dentelles" terroir has given of its best in this vintage.*

### THE VINTAGE

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 (ower 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 vigneron 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.

### TERROIR

Dentelles, Garrigues, Village.

### AGEING

Barrels of one vintage – Allier et Tronçais

### VARIETALS

Grenache 80%, Syrah 15%, Mourvèdre 5%

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: 60 years and over.

Syrah and Mourvèdre: 35 years. years old

### TASTING

The aromatic freshness is mixed with a beautiful concentration of dark fruit, liquorice and spice. The palate is long and persistent with ?ne though evident tannins. Ageing will round off this Gigondas – ideal for laying down for a few years

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS



91/100

"Although this wine starts off a bit stern in texture, by the long finish those tannins have turned velvety and plush, nicely framing intense black olive, espresso, cherry and plum flavors."

Joe Czerwinsky, Wine Enthusiast, 01/09/2012

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91/100

"Opaque ruby. Pungent aromas of red berry preserves, cherry, smoky herbs and potpourri, with touches of vanilla and cola. Pliant raspberry and candied cherry flavors pick up spiciness in the mid-palate, along with a hint of minerals. Bright and lively on the persistent finish, which is given shape by velvety tannins."

**Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar, 01/02/2013**



90/100

"The outstanding 2010 Gigondas Vieilles Vignes exhibits abundant notes of flowers, crushed rocks, black raspberries and blueberries as well as lots of glycerin and body...spicy, well-delineated beauty..."

**Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 01/10/2012**

**Wine Spectator**

95/100

"This has stunning black tea, warm ganache and roasted alder aromas giving way to a very lush yet defined core of braised fig, blackberry cobbler and pastis-soaked plum fruit. The long, dark finish is muscular, but polished and caressing."

**James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 08/08/2012**

90-92/100

"Deep, glass-staining ruby. Fresh raspberry and cherry on the highly fragrant nose. Lively, penetrating yet supple red fruit and floral pastille flavors pick up a smoky quality on the back half. Shows good clarity and vivacity on the finish, with the raspberry note carrying through."

**Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar, 01/02/2012**



17/20

"80% 60-year-old Grenache, 15% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre. Very dark purple. Brooding, hugely concentrated wine that is designed for the very long term. Lots of dry spice and richness too before the scrunch of dry tannins on the finish. Hold!"

**Jancis Robinson, 28/11/2011**

