

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu-Laurent Condrieu

AOC Condrieu, Vallée du Rhône, France

*The relentless quest of the greatest Wines from the finest Terroirs of each Appellation is one of the most thrilling aspects of our profession of "Assembleur". Thus, here, in Condrieu, the contribution of a mythical Terroir - "Vernon" - delights us : the Assemblage is yet more complete, more complex, than usually ! Allow the Wine to breathe for a little while, and you will have scents of citrus, Oriental spices, which announce a great success !*

### THE VINTAGE

Spell of the years in « 5 » ? The fact is that, in recent decades, Vintages ending in « 5 » - 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015 - , carry success stories, in Vallée du Rhône, but also, more generally, in the whole of the Vineyards of France. It must be said that 2015 put the odds on its side, with almost optimal climatic conditions for each and every season of the year! Thus, winter is rainy, allowing vines to benefit from good water reserves. Spring awakening is somewhat late - 3 weeks delay, compared to 2014, yet, the weather gradually settles, and flowering takes place in excellent conditions: the output of grapes is quite simply outstanding. The summer period arrives then quickly, with extremely hot months of June, July and August. Nevertheless, one cannot speak of heat wave, as the nights remain cool. Consequently, thermal amplitudes are absolutely phenomenal. No pressure from pests and diseases, the vineyard and the winemaker breathe freely. Everything is looking fine before the start of the harvest...

The rains that occurred end of August unblocked, then, in a second step, accelerated maturing.

Rarest data, the grapes are, here, widely in advance: thus, as unbelievable as it may read, Côte Rôtie is the first Appellation to start harvesting ! Levels of maturity are quite homogeneous. There is no gap between phenolic maturity and physiological ripeness. Never, ever, had we tasted such quality of juice. The wines are clearly defined, both dense and fresh: the perfection of their balance is purely disconcerting...

### TERROIR

Paton, Chanson, Rocharde and Vernon.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Granit and Loess.

### AGEING

Ageing 10 months in new and one year old barrels. Allier et Tronçais.

### VARIETAL

Viognier 100%

### 14% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and light filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 45 years. years old

### SERVING

10°C

Decant just before tasting.



## TASTING

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



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"Deep straw colour. At the moment this is a bit dumb on the nose. There is good weight on the palate but it doesn't quite have the tension and conviction of the 2014. It's a little unfocused at present."

**Jancis Robinson, 14/10/2016**

