

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Laurent-Tardieu Châteauneuf-du-Pape

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Vallée du Rhône, France

*It is our wish and ambition to make this Wine a ?agship Cuvée of La Maison, in the spirit of the Appellation... It will seduce already convinced Amateurs as well as they who are new to Châteauneuf du Pape... Its attractive value for money will add to its appeal !*

### 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 Rhone 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...

The first three weeks of September revive the vintage... September, the month of wine !

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

Les Bedines, la Crau on round pebbles, les Gardioles.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Round pebbles.

### AGEING

12 months in one vintage barrels - Allier et Tronçais. Then 6 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

50% non destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Grenache 70%, Syrah 25%, Cinsault 5%

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: from 60 to 80 years, Syrah: 40 years. years old

### SERVING

14°C

Decant 2 hours before tasting.



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



16,5 - 17/20

"Plusieurs sources de beaux raisins donnent naissance à ce vin au grain magnifique, parfumé et long en bouche. Superbe."

**La Revue du Vin de France, 01/06/2015**



90/100

"The 2014 Châteauneuf du Pape has outstanding potential and is a blend of 85% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 5% Cinsault that will spend 20 months in a combination of smaller barrel and foudre. Its ruby, semi-opaque color is followed a medium to full-bodied, open knit, supple effort that has pretty notes of plums, black raspberries, toasted spice and Provençal herbs. It will drink nicely out of the gate and hold through 2022."

**Jeb Denuck, Wine Advocate, 01/10/2015**

16/20

"Il propose une note de fruit presque en surmaturité, mais une fois en bouche, il s'installe avec fermeté en affichant une trame serrée. Un vin puissant et racé."

**Guide RVF 2017, 01/09/2016**

