## Maison

# TARDIEU - LAURENT

## FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Cornas - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Cornas, Vallée du Rhône, France

This year, production of this wine is slightly up - great news for cornas lovers! The flagship of tardieu-laurent, this wine is already impressive, a fine ambassador for the vintage thanks to its concentration and its assertive aromatics - cassis and liquorice.

A great wine, extraordinary, yet set within a classical frame!

### THE VINTAGE

A Vintage saved by the months of September and October, which were exceptional.

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The weather conditions in spring, reminiscent of summer, suggested that it would be a relatively early harvest. But a summer, which more resembled spring in character, slowed down the maturity, above all that of Grenache. Autumn, however, enhanced everything, and, ultimately, provided fantastic condi-tions for the harvest.

We got so close to a really Perfect Vintage... A wonderfully fresh July smiled on the Syrah. Unfortunately, rain at the end of August and the beginning of September impacted on what hitherto had been a Vintage of extraordinary potential.

That said, however 2011 remains at a very high level, richly fruited and with good typicity, faithful to Terroirs so admired by Wine Lovers around the whole world.

#### **TERROIR**

Les Eygas and Patou.

#### **AGEING**

New barrels. Tronçais and Allier.

#### **VARIETALS**

Serine, Syrah

13% % VOL.

Bottling: No fining. No filtration.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 80 to over 100 years. years old

## **REVIEWS AND AWARDS**



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"60-year-old Syrah. Dark crimson. Much broader and more luscious than the Coteaux bottling on the nose. Almost opulent for a Cornas! Yet with precision and minerality too. All frame rather than flesh at the moment but convincing. Confident and cool."

Jancis Robinson

