

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Gigondas - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Gigondas, Vallée du Rhône, France

*A Wine proudly asserting its roots. Enthralling nose, on Provence herbs and scrubland. The mouth is dense, pulpy, juicy. The archetype of the ?ne Mediterranean Wine !*

### THE VINTAGE

Indisputable and obvious consequences of a climatic change?

The Rhone vineyard has experienced in the last two years, two extreme, paradoxical and diametrically opposite vintages. 2021, frosty, cool and rainy. 2022 excessively dry and sunny. This observation leaves us perplexed and wondering about the future of the vineyards.

Our overall assessment of the first juices was more severe, but certainly more objective than those of our colleagues, describing the vintage as one of the most qualitative of the last five years.

Of course 2022, has some wonderful surprises in store for us but also its fair share of disappointments.

As a matter of fact, the "Great Valley" had to go through a lot of climatic pitfalls during the season. Due to the intense, previously unseen and unprecedented drought.

Once again, the resilience of the vine in the face of these climatic hazards, commands our respect and admiration. But up until which point?

As so often, may be too much to our liking, everything hangs by a thread. The mid-august and September rain more or less intense, had the salvaging effect on the sectors where the point of no return, water stress and the balance had not yet been reached.

This 2022 vintage is also indeniably marked by a strong heterogeneity between the appellations but also at the heart of the same appellation. Tastings at producers are primordial for amateurs. Our meticulous work of selection will have even more meaning this year and will reveal our know-how!

### TERROIR

Pied-Gu?, Les Teyssonnières, La Bouïssière, Les Dentelles, Le Cayron

### AGEING

10 months in one and two vintages old barrels. Allier and Tronc?ais. Then 12 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

3/4 non destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Grenache 90%, Mourvèdre 5%, Syrah 5%

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: renache, Mourvèdre : 60 + to 100 years Syrah : + to 40 years old



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK**

94/100

"Another ripe, sexy, exuberant Gigondas, the 2022 Gigondas Vieilles Vignes reveals a vibrant ruby/purple hue as well as youthful aromatics of black raspberries, sandalwood, ground pepper, and herbes de Provence-like nuances. This sunny, medium to full-bodied 2022 has sweet tannins, a supple, elegant mouthfeel, and a great finish. It's a beautiful wine in the vintage that I suspect will drink nicely over the coming decade."

**Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck, 29/10/2024**

**Wine Spectator**

92/100

"A big, bold, gutsy version, with spiced plum and macerated cherry notes tightly sewn up by somewhat muscular tannins. Smoke, tar and anise play out on the full finish. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2034."

**Wine Spectator, 28/02/2025**

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

92/100

"A focused, well-driven and flavorful Gigondas, showing notes of dark cherries, cassis, peppercorns and dried herbs. Medium- to full-bodied with fine, firm tannins. Lively and structured with generous fruit and a spicy finish with length. Drink or hold."

**James Suckling, James Suckling, 15/10/2024**

