

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



**Maison Tardieu-Laurent Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc  
Les Becs Fins**

AOC Côtes du Rhône, Vallée du Rhône, France

*A pleasant, charming, Wine, already showing well, despite of its insolent youth !*

**THE VINTAGE**

Time has come to grasp our dictionary of the superlatives, to try and tell the talent of this Vintage... Nonetheless, words will not suffice to describe the unfathomable pleasure that the Tasting of this fabulous Year triggers... ! Winter was characterized by relatively mild temperatures; then a cool spring slowed down the growing of the vine. And, throughout this period, steady, gentle, rainfalls evenly accompanied the vegetative cycle. These extremely propitious conditions have understandably had a positive impact on the harvest, fantastically beautiful, healthy, and generous... ! Summer season was marked by high heat, high without being excessive, with little rainfall. Extremely favorable factor, nights remained very cool. Therefore, the vines were under pressure, but moderately, at the limit of stress, yet without ever suffering ! As a result, maturation and concentration operated conjointly : here is one major key to the genius of this Vintage, which calls to the unusual the fantastic, at the borders of the explained and the unexplainable !

**TERROIR**

Gard, Vaison, Cairanne.

**TYPE OF SOIL**

Round pebbles, limestone-clay soils.

**AGEING**

8 months in concrete tank.

**VARIETALS**

Grenache 30%, Viognier 30%, Marsanne 20%, Clairette 10%, Roussanne 10%

**13,5% % VOL.**

**TECHNICAL DATA**

Age of vines: Grenache and Clairette: 40 years, Viognier and Roussanne: 20 years. years old

**SERVING**

10°C - 50°F

Do not decant.

**REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

90/100

"The 2016 Côtes du Rhône Blanc Les Becs Fins is a winner from this estate. White peach, plenty of citrus and light minerality all flow to a medium-bodied, clean, lively white that does everything right. Drink it over the coming 2-3 years."

Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com), 19/10/2017





89-90/100

"The full-bodied 2016 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes is plush and ripe, its red and blue fruits dressed up with notes of baking spices. It's a blend of 65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, but it comes across as slightly generic."

**Wine Advocate, 31/08/2018**

