

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Cornas - Coteaux

AOC Cornas, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

The rather warm conditions of the last few vintages could have led us to believe that the same conditions would repeat themselves with the 2008 vintage, but, that was not the case!

The 2008 vintage will have a style that one could call old fashion, the product of a vintage that was from cold to very cold with very slow maturing rates.

The spring rainfall did not make things easier, promoting mildew which was responsible for the loss of part of the harvest.

The rather cold summer, with no periods of excessive heat, did not promote fast maturation of the grapes as had been the case in previous years.

At the beginning of September, an unexpected rainfall came to add complexity to this vintage, with strong rains, mainly in the north and in the Rhône Valley. This wet period was fared perfectly in those areas where the sanitary state of the fruit was perfect. The grapes that were in perfect good health were found in those vineyards belonging to the best vignerons. It was these same vignerons that received the full benefit of a long favorable period with cool temperatures and plenty of sun beginning in mid-September.

The weather during harvest brought smiles to our faces, knowing that the quality potential was rather good.

### TERROIR

Les Eygas, St Pierre, Chaillots.

### AGEING

Tronçais and Allier new barrels.

### VARIETALS

Serine, Syrah

13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 50 years and over. years old

### TASTING

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



90/100

"Pungent and potent, with notes of dark-roast coffee and roasted meat accenting plum fruit. This is full bodied yet surprisingly crisp, with firm but not overwhelming tannins."

Joe Czerwinsky, Wine Enthusiast, 01/10/2011



91/100

"Fresh and focused, with a nice core of red currant, licorice and raspberry notes backed by sweet spice and bramble. Grippy but pure through the finish, with judicious toast melding nicely. Very well done for the vintage."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 31/05/2011

89/100

"Opaque ruby. Sexy aromas of black and blue fruit preserves and dried flowers, with a spicy nuance and a mounting vanilla quality. Lush and creamy on entry, then tighter in the mid-palate, offering sweet dark fruit flavors and a good dose of vanillin oak. Very attractive, in a modern way, with good finishing sweetness and length."

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar, 01/04/2011



16,5/20

"Deep crimson. A gamey, animal note on the nose. Rich and supple – very unlike most Cornas – though with a slightly rustic finish. Rather rusty nail on the chewy finish. A bit attenuated but not at all obviously underripe or dilute. Mid weight and quite mouthfilling really. Just a bit of tannin on the finish ... Definitely a pretty modern take on Cornas but well balanced and reasonably juicy for the vintage."

Jancis Robinson

