

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Côte Rôtie

AOC Côte Rôtie, Vallée du Rhône, France

100% Côte Brune, 100% non-destemmed, the notion of vintage is backgrounded...the great terroirs dominate... Definitely shaped and structured to be a long keeping wine!

### THE VINTAGE

Indeed, all along the year, 2012 did not spare the Vignerons : even the savviest got confused, almost losing their points of references, while dealing with its tricks ! Heterogeneity in the vineyard would bear, right from the start, the mark of damage caused by winter frost. Sadly enough, very old Grenache and Syrah vines did not survive this frost. Loss of a precious heritage, impact on the yields of the upcoming harvest, Vignerons were already under pressure...

Conversely, the months of July and August were extremely hot, speeding up the maturing process, as a first step, but worsening water stress, in a second. Rarest reaction, the Vignerons came to bless the rains that fell beginning of September, as they profitably revived the phenolic ripening of the grapes. In the end, deciding the right moment to pick up grapes caused the serious Vignerons a real headache ! To the extent that the harvesting of the different cépages, in the different parcelles, followed a more than widely unusual order...

And now, for one more uncommon observation : opting for a later harvest was not necessarily the winning choice, in 2012 : the exception that proves the rule !

Now, at this stage, as the Wines are nearing the end of the fermenting process, they already impose their real potential : they are very, very, good... Thus, they lead us to admit that, from contrasts, Harmony can arise...

### TERROIR

Landonne, Chavaroche, Rozier, les Rochains.

### AGEING

12 months in new barrels. Tronçais et Allier. Then 12 months in foudre.

### VARIETALS

Sérine, Syrah

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 60 years. years old

12,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### SERVING

16°C

Decant 2 hours before tasting.

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

*Jancis Robinson*  
jancisrobinson.com

17,5/20

"100% Sérine, 24 months in new and second-use oak. Granite. Very correct and intense. No sweetness but very concentrated with admirable freshness too. More muscularity than most."

Jancis Robinson, 18/11/2013



92-94/100

"Deep ruby. Potent scents of musky cherry pit, blueberry, licorice and bitter chocolate. Densely packed and appealingly sweet, offering smoky black and blue fruit, mineral and floral pastille flavors complicated by olive and cracked pepper. Finishes very long and spicy, with dusty tannins coming on late. The vines that provided fruit for this wine are all over 60 year old."

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer International Wine Cellar, 01/04/2014



91-93/100

"Coming all from the Cote Brune, the 2012 Cote Rotie is another promising 2012 from this producer. Possessing the classic Cote Rotie perfume of raspberries, olive tapenade, violets and tinges of bacon fat, this medium to full-bodied, supple and approachable effort has solid concentration and sweet tannin."

Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate, 01/12/2013

