

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Hermitage

AOC Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

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

A summer-like spring and a spring-like summer and an optimal autumn... This, more or less, summarises the Vintage.

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 conditions 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

Rouméas, Murets, Beaume, Pierrelles.

### AGEING

New barrels. Tronçais and Allier.

### VARIETALS

Sérine, Syrah

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 60 years.. years old

### 13,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration

### TASTING

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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



17/20

"Bright crimson. Solid and with some granite influence but it's tough to taste this just after visiting the master of Hermitage Jean-Louis Chave. This is worthy but a bit lighter than some Hermitages. Cool and refreshing – if one may be permitted to say that about this great appellation. Sinewy and one of their lighter Hermitages."

**Jancis Robinson**

92+/100

"Inky ruby. Dark berries, incense and fresh flowers on the oak-spiced nose. Offers velvety, palate-staining black and blue fruit and vanilla flavors and a mounting spicy element. Chewy and appealingly sweet on the incisive, smoke-tinged finish, which is firmed by slowly building, fine-grained tannins. Quite structured for the vintage."

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar, 01/03/2014**

**Wine Spectator**

92/100

"A sleek version, with a bit of restraint to the red and black currant and blackberry fruit, lined with charcoal and graphite details that carry through the coiled finish."

**James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 01/11/2013**

