

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu Laurent - Côtes du Rhône - Cuvée Spéciale

AOC Côtes du Rhône, Vallée du Rhône, France

A "handkerchief Wine" - Vin de mouchoir -, e.g. so delicate and scented that you feel like pouring drops on a - preferably lace - handkerchief, just to enjoy its fragrances during the day... What a Cuvée ! Old Grenache with touches of beautiful Pinot noir. Constructed more on the aromatic intensity than on the density. An actual delight !

THE VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 was incontestably a thumb to the nose of the last "solar" vintages which we have seen recently in the Rhone Valley. Real 30 year flashback, typically reminiscent of more classical harvest dates in the Vindémiare calendar and phenolic maturity from the 90s.. Indeed, this vintage has given us, on all levels, a lot of emotions. Blame it on the particularly capricious weather conditions, sweet understatement!

Extreme frost episode from 7th to 9th April, with some temperatures nearing -10C, affected without exception almost all the French vineyards. Cataclysmic observations: the vine for more than 3 weeks was brain dead! Some vinegrowers thought they had lost their ancestral heritage. Miraculously, nature took back control. But this was not without consequences. The vine stocks were deeply tilted, even unbalanced. The 2nd shoots were anarchic, the labour work extremely complicated.

Fortunately, the beneficial rains throughout the vegetative cycle, the moderate temperature in the summer and a beautiful late autumn enabled us to approach harvest season with serenity.

Like every year, nature decides for us. This is what makes this job beautiful and delicate. But undeniably, 2021 will remain forever the vintage of a great "vigneron" (vinegrower).

TERROIR

On the Borders of the AOC Châteauneuf, side of Courthézon

AGEING

8 months in 2 years and 3 years old barrels. Then ten months in foudres. Allier and Tronçais.

WINEMAKING

100% non destemmed.

VARIETALS

Grenache 99%, Others 1%

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 70 years old. years old

14,5% VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

SERVING

14°C

TASTING

Wonderful expression of old Grenache when gorgeously matured. On notes of grena-dine and sweet spices... I love it !

