

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



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

AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages, Vallée du Rhône, France

**THE VINTAGE**

2011, 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, summarizes 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.

In the Southern Rhône conditions during the growing cycle really favored Syrah and Mourvèdre. Grenache has suffered somewhat from a chilly and rainy July. Yields were also high, which tended to impede maturation and was a potential risk to the overall health of the grapes. As is so often the case in these conditions, Old Vines in Great Terroirs come into their own.

Wines made from such vines and those which follow are, in my opinion, really exceptional. They are however an exception, representing a tiny proportion of the overall production. Buyers, beware, and be careful, therefore, when choosing your Wines !

**TERROIR**

Estézargues.

**TYPE OF SOIL**

Round pebbles.

**AGEING**

Ageing in stainless-steel tank.

**WINEMAKING**

100% destemmed

**VARIETALS**

Syrah 60%, Grenache 40%

**14% % VOL.**

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

Age of vines: Grenache: 60 years, Syrah: 30 years old

**SERVING**

14°C

**REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

**bettane +  
desseauve**

14,5/20

"Approche racée pour un simple Côtes du Rhône, de la matière, un grain de tanins croquant et velouté, des notes de chocolat et d'épices."

Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France



**Wine Spectator**

89/100

"Focused, featuring a core of blueberry and blackberry fruit framed with graphite and black tea. Shows good cut on the finish. Drink now."

**James molesworth, Wine Spectator**



88/100

"An equal part blend of Grenache and Syrah aged totally in tank, the 2011 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Les Becs Fins is not terribly complex, but is richly fruity, round, delicious and seductive. It is best drunk over the next several years."

**Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 01/10/2012**

