

MAISON
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**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

