

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent- Crozes Hermitage - Vieille Vignes

AOC Crozes-Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

Indisputable and obvious consequences of a climatic change?

The Rhone vineyard has experienced in the last two years, two extreme, paradoxical and diametrically opposite vintages. 2021, frosty, cool and rainy. 2022 excessively dry and sunny.

This observation leaves us perplexed and wondering about the future of the vineyards.

Our overall assessment of the first juices was more severe, but certainly more objective than those of our colleagues, describing the vintage as one of the most qualitative of the last five years.

Of course 2022, has some wonderful surprises in store for us but also its fair share of disappointments.

As a matter of fact, the “Great Valley” had to go through a lot of climatic pitfalls during the season. Due to the intense, previously unseen and unprecedented drought.

Once again, the resilience of the vine in the face of these climatic hazards, commands our respect and admiration. But up until which point?

As so often, may be too much to our liking, everything hangs by a thread..

The mid-august and September rain more or less intense, had the salvaging effect on the sectors where the point of no return, water stress and the balance had not yet been reached.

This 2022 vintage is also indeniably marked by a strong heterogeneity between the appellations but also at the heart of the same appellation. Tastings at producers are primordial for amateurs. Our meticulous work of selection will have even more meaning this year and will reveal our know-how!

The north was more spared by the pangs of the vintage.

The maturities are regularly achieved and the alcohol degrees moderated.

The palates are luscious, plump, and toned.

Wines with typicity, style which will bring happiness to the sommeliers and restaurants alike!

### TERROIR

Gervans, les Méjeans

### TYPE OF SOIL

Decomposed granite.

### AGEING

12 months in one year and new barrels. Allier et Tronçais. Then 6 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

100% destemmed.



**VARIETAL**

Syrah 100%

**13,5% % VOL.**

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

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**TECHNICAL DATA**

Age of vines: 60 years and more years old

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**SERVING**

16°C

Decant an hour before tasting.

**TASTING**

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