

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu-Laurent Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc Guy Louis

AOC Côtes du Rhône, Vallée du Rhône, France

Assemblage of southern and northern wines, as always, this Cuvée develops a particular dimension this year, thanks to the contribution of Crus of great complexity! A Wine for your meals.

### THE VINTAGE

Understanding and succeeding this vintage required, indeed, presence in the Vineyard, careful work, experience, and even, clearly, a genuine expertise...

Winter temperatures amongst the mildest in the decade, rainfall amounts amongst the highest ever in winter, among the lowest ever in spring, and a nice output of grapes throughout the Rhone cépages : everything would raise hope of an early vintage, the ever expected Vintage, satisfactory both in terms of quantity and of quality ! But it was not counting on an unusually cool and rainy summer... Vignerons are soon confronted with quite a few difficulties, the trickiest one being the management of diseases...

The first three weeks of September revive the vintage... September, the month of wine !

Les Vins Blancs are of very high level, in line with the preceding Vintage.

2014 demanded, especially during the final weeks, hard, incessant work. The vines were in demand. It was crucial to understand, to be able to anticipate... This required a bit of wisdom, reason, intuition... A vintage for Vignerons, indeed. And the best ones did perform with talent. They are now rewarded. As for the others, alas... There, is the whole difference

### TERROIR

Southern and northern terroirs blended.

### AGEING

Ageing 8 months in new barrels, barrels from one and two vintages. Allier and Tronçais.

### WINEMAKING

Organic farming.

### VARIETALS

Marsanne 50%, Grenache 20%,  
Roussanne 15%, Viognier 15%

13,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and light filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: 70 ans, Marsanne:  
60 ans, Roussanne et Viognier: 40 ans.  
years old

### SERVING

12°C

Do not decant.



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

"Ma Marsanne, le Grenache, la Roussanne et le Viognier de Vieilles Vignes explosent dans une harmonie jubilatoire. Un je ne sais quoi noisetté, rond et presque céréalié, des accents floraux très parfumés et ce qu'il faut de persistance en bouche pour faire durer le plaisir. Raffiné, puissant, passionnant et bio."

Marie France, 01/10/2015

13,5/20

"Avec d'avantage d'ampleur, le Guy Louis Blanc se montre distingué et généreux."

Les Meilleurs Vins de France 2016 - Guide de la Revue des Vins de France, 01/08/2015



90/100

"Made from 50% Marsanne, 20% Grenache Blanc, and the rest a mix of Viognier and Roussanne, the 2014 Côtes du Rhône Guy Louis Blanc comes from a number of regions in both the northern and southern Rhône. It offers impressive notes of buttered citrus, orange blossom and pineapple in a pure, textured, downright sexy style. It picks up hint of brioche on the finish (it was aged in one-, two- and three-year-old barrels) and is a food friendly, classy white that should represent a smokin' value. Drink it over the coming couple of years."

Jeb Dennuck, Wine Advocate, 01/10/2015



17/20

"Very deep straw colour. Rich and somehow 'sticky', glutinous, on the nose. Lots of spice and quite enough acidity. More 'mineral' than the Bec Fins Blanc. No heat but lots of herbiness. Really very racy. A serious wine with some ageing potential."

Jancis Robinson, 30/10/2015

