

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu-Laurent Vacqueyras - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Vacqueyras, Vallée du Rhône, France

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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 ! 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

Les Grès, les Pendants, la Longe, la Ponche.

TYPE OF SOIL

Round pebbles and sand.

AGEING

12 months in one vintage barrels. Allier et Tronçais. Then 12 months in foudre.

WINEMAKING

50% non destemmed.

Organic Farming.

VARIETALS

Grenache 70%, Syrah 30%

14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: over 60 years,
Syrah: 40 years. years old

SERVING

14°C

Decant 2 hours before service.

TASTING

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REVIEWS AND AWARDS



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"An inky colored red, the 2014 Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes is made from 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah aged 20 months in a combination of foudre and barrel. It offers lots of crushed violets, pepper, leather and plum-scented fruit in a fresh, focused style. It shows a touch of firm tannin (it included 50% whole cluster), but I suspect it will come together nicely in bottle. Drink it through 2022."

Jeb Dennuck, Wine Advocate, 01/10/2015



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"Mid to deep blueish crimson. Definitely lighter, less defined nose than usual. Lots of fruit on the palate but not that much structure. A juicy wine for relatively early drinking."

Jancis Robinson, 30/10/2015

