

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



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

AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages, Vallée du Rhône, France

Perfectly in the profile of the Vintage : charming, accurately fruity, with silky tannins.

A wine to share with - good - friends!

### THE VINTAGE

2015 - Vintages in « 5 », vintages which bring good luck. Often...

Spell of the years in « 5 » ? The fact is that, in recent decades, Vintages ending in « 5 » - 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015 - , carry success stories, in Vallée du Rhône, but also, more generally, in the whole of the Vineyards of France. It must be said that 2015 put the odds on its side, with almost optimal climatic conditions for each and every season of the year! Thus, winter is rainy, allowing vines to benefit from good water reserves. Spring awakening is somewhat late - 3 weeks delay, compared to 2014, yet, the weather gradually settles, and flowering takes place in excellent conditions: the output of grapes is quite simply outstanding. The summer period arrives then quickly, with extremely hot months of June, July and August. Nevertheless, one cannot speak of heat wave, as the nights remain cool. Consequently, thermal amplitudes are absolutely phenomenal. No pressure from pests and diseases, the vineyard and the winemaker breathe freely. Everything is looking fine before the start of the harvest...

Ripe, but not too much. Summer and the month of September are punctuated by rains, avoiding the suffering of the vines, a key element during the summer period. The grapes mature slowly. Unfortunately, the rain that falls around September 20th is the "too much" rain... Pity, we were right next to a huge Vintage... But, well, no worry, the Style of the Vintage remains more than charming, with full, juicy, and silkiest Wines !

### TERROIR

Estézargues.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Round pebbles.

### AGEING

Ageing 12 months in concrete tanks.

### WINEMAKING

100% destemmed

### VARIETALS

Grenache 50%, Syrah 40%, Cinsault 10%

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

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



## SERVING

14°C

## TASTING

Charming, accurately fruity, with silky tannins.

## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



89/100

"As to the reds, all of these show beautiful purity of fruit and impeccably made profiles. As a whole, 2015 was consistent throughout the Southern Rhône, and you see that consistency in this lineup. Already bottled, the 2015 Côtes du Rhône Villages Les Becs Fins (50/50 Grenache and Syrah) is a soft, forward, deliciously styled red that has notes of blackberries, blueberries, pepper and bouquet garni. Drink up, as it's not going to make old bones."

Jeb Dennuck, *Wine Advocate*, 01/11/2016



16/20

"Dark purplish crimson. Vibrant peppery fruit on the nose and still quite tight on the finish. Clearly made to last. Drying tannins on the end at the moment."

Jancis Robinson, 14/10/2016



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Guide Bettane et Desseuve des vins de France, 31/08/2017

