

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu-Laurent Saint-Péray Vieilles Vignes

AOC Saint-Péray, Vallée du Rhône, France

Vintages follow one after the other, pleasure remains intact. A Cuvée which always brings its lot of emotions... and is now subject to the greed of the Amateurs of Great White Wines !

THE VINTAGE

If we look at the half empty glass - or tank -, frustration, and even sadness, will overwhelm us : historically small yields in France. The lowest of the post-war years. Cellars are empty. Clearly, one has to state that climate hazards, methodically, worked against us this year, in a succession of definitely adverse events : an abnormally cool spring caused frost, then grape shatter, on all of Rhone cépages, and, more particularly, Grenache. This cruel Spring followed up on a dauntingly dry summer... In the end, the yields in juice are tragically affected. The Wine grower's job becomes tightrope walker's job... without a net. These realities being called to mind, if we now look at the half full glass - and it is our nature to be optimistic -, the words which will come to me are relief, and even... enthusiasm ! These very challenging conditions indeed gave birth to first juices of so brilliant a Quality as they do better than just console us : they succeed in enticing, the Vignerons and us... !

The vines had naturally little load : they reacted magnificently to the extreme conditions of the year. The plant was able to bring its fruit to maturity, without big constraint, in an optimal way. The Wines promise to be splendidly well-balanced !

TERROIR

La Côte, la Beylesse.

TYPE OF SOIL

Clay-limestone soils.

AGEING

Ageing 12 months in new and one year old barrels. Allier and Tronçais.

VARIETALS

Marsanne 50%, Roussanne 50%

13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and light filtration.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Marsanne: 50 to 100 years,
Roussanne: over 40 years. years old

SERVING

12°C

Decant one hour before tasting.



REVIEWS AND AWARDS



16,5+/20

"Quite a deep greenish straw. Honeysuckle nose and then real tingle, tension and toast on the palate. This is a really interesting wine! A floral overlay but lots to chew on and a flattering satin texture. Still chewy."

Jancis Robinson, 22/10/2018

