# Maison

# TARDIEU - LAURENT

## FAMILLE TARDIEU



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AOC Côte Rôtie, Vallée du Rhône, France

This has great potential - 100% old school côte brune.

#### THE VINTAGE

A Vintage saved by the months of September and October, which were exceptional.

A summer-like spring and a spring-like summer and an optimal autumn... This, more or less, summarises the Vintage.

The weather conditions in spring, reminiscent of summer, suggested that it would be a relatively early harvest. But a summer, which more resembled spring in character, slowed down the maturity, above all that of Grenache. Autumn, however, enhanced eve-rything, and, ultimately, provided fantastic condi-tions for the harvest.

We got so close to a really Perfect Vintage... A wonderfully fresh July smiled on the Syrah. Unfortunately, rain at the end of August and the beginning of September impacted on what hitherto had been a Vintage of extraordinary potential.

That said, however 2011 remains at a very high level, richly fruited and with good typicity, faithful to Terroirs so admired by Wine Lovers around the whole world.

#### **TERROIR**

Landonne, Chavaroche, Rozier, Les Rochains

#### **AGFING**

New barrel. Tronçais and Allier.

## **VARIETALS**

Serine, Syrah

#### 13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration

### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Age of vines: 60 years. years old

#### **TASTING**

Owing to the higher proportion of non destemmed, whole bunches, this is slightly reserved. The tanins will become increasingly refined in time. The nose is evocative, revealing warm stone minerality, perfumed with violets.

#### **REVIEWS AND AWARDS**



16,5+/100

"Bright crimson. Quite an opulent nose for a Syrah – then very cool. I've tasted so many styles of Côte Rôtie today: Jamet, Guigal, Jaboulet – all different. This is like a cross between Jamet and Guigal. Not bad! But not Tardieu Laurent's most compelling wine. Falls off a bit at the end. May well develop into something more alluring but it's a tad pinched on the finish at the moment."

Jancis Robinson

