

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu - Laurent - Saint-Joseph Vieilles Vignes - 2023

AOC Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France

TERROIR

It took just a few days...few days to oscillate a vintage between a « Great Vintage » and a « Complex vintage ».

However, the winter, finally « classic », rocked by a fairly rigorous cold, pushed back any risk of spring frost.

The vegetative cycle was regularly watered by abundant rains. The diseases were putting pressure on the vinegrowers !

Nonetheless, the experience of the 2018, year with high mildew, still engraved in the vinegrowers' memory, made it possible for them to carefully control this pressure.

The vinegrowers serenely entered the summer season, with good water reserves and a beautiful harvest in perspective.

Moreover, rare fact, the summer granted us a few days of mild rain.

On August 15th, the rhodanien vineyards were healthy and green. The vinegrowers were rejoicing as everything was a hallmark to a "Great Vintage".

Unfortunately, as is often the case over the last few years, Mother Nature decided otherwise. For a couple of days, the French vineyards, and most particularly the Rhône's suffered a wave of extreme heat.

Leaving little chance to the grapes of the young vines and early ripening terroirs.

Only old vines, and not even all, of low yield, on protected terroirs and late ripening, found resilience in getting their berries to optimal ripeness.

The catastrophe was avoided. However, the qualities were very heterogeneous, even amongst the most experienced cellars....

Once again, our meticulous work of selection will have found all its meaning this year!

Paradoxally, the whites are very digest and balanced. On the palate, they are bright and harmonious.

The quality of the reds however, are more varied from one grape variety to the next. Against all expectations, the Syrah played its card right, with fruits without any excess. The wine issued from Old vines Grenache are racy and precise!

TYPE OF SOIL

La Madonne sur Chavanay, Sainte-Epine sur St-Jean de Muzols, les Oliviers sur Mauves, Chanson sur Chavannay, St-Joseph sur Mauves

AGEING

12 months in new and one old barrels.

Then 8 months in foudre - Tronçais and Allier

WINEMAKING

1/2 not destemmed

VARIETAL

Syrah, Serine 100%

13 % VOL.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Serine : over 100 years, Syrah : 60 years years old



REVIEWS AND AWARDS



91/100

"Le saint-joseph se montre plein et pulpeux, porté par une fine touche beurrée bien intégrée dans un fruit où la violette domine."

La Revue du Vin de France, 01/09/2025

Wine Spectator

93/100

"Salty and dark, with red fruit-flecked details of roasted spices, meat and ganache alongside savory tones of leather, singed dry herbs and star anise. A brush of toasty cedar is deftly managed, and there's a touch of chewiness to the saline, tangy finish, focused and firm, held in place by a spine of solid iron."

Wine Spectator, 31/03/2026

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

92/100

"A velvety, attractive wine with dark cherries, spiced plums, warm spices and a hint of roasted meat on the nose. Medium-bodied with fine tannins. Refined, with texture and focus. Flavorful, spicy and long."

James Suckling, 19/01/2026

JEB DUNNUCK

91/100

"All from the Serine clone of Syrah and aged 24 months in a mix of new and recent barrels and foudres, the 2023 Saint Joseph Vieilles Vignes offers spicy red and black fruits intermixed with smoky bacon and peppery, meaty background nuances. It's medium-bodied, has a round, layered mouthfeel, and ripe yet present tannins."

Jeb Dunnuck, 26/02/2026

