

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



**Maison Tardieu Laurent- Crozes Hermitage -
Vieille Vignes - 2024**

AOC Crozes-Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

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THE VINTAGE

Understanding and succeeding this vintage required, indeed, presence in the Vineyard, careful work, a certain patience, and even, clearly, a genuine expertise...

Despite being described as "Great" by some Vignerons, its considerable heterogeneity, depending on the sectors, requires us to take a certain measure...

Shaped by very fickle spring weather conditions, this very demanding and singular vintage will remain engraved in winegrowers memories.

Cryptogamic pressure during the vegetative cycle was such that even the most hardened Vignerons were not necessarily rewarded for their painstaking, even relentless work in their vineyards. Damages on leaves and bunches vary... but Grenache yields are historically low, mainly due to the mildiou and the resulting severe sorting. Fortunately, the non-deleterious summer heat, combined with the "King Mistral", enabled us to approach the harvest in slightly more serene conditions.

Thermal amplitudes in September were well marked and appreciated. However, phenolic ripeness were slow and not always achieved. Unfortunately, too many wines show a certain tannin and phenolic unbalance. Only patient Vigneron with "healthy" vineyards, willing to harvest late and sort, were able to pick grapes of highest quality. Successful wines will be rare this year!

TERROIR

Gervans, Habrard, Les Bâtis - Granit soils

TYPE OF SOIL

Decomposed granite.

AGEING

12 months in new and one year old barrels. Then 8 months in foudre Tronçais et Allier

WINEMAKING

100% destemmed.

VARIETAL

Syrah 100%

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 60 years and more years old

13% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

SERVING

16°C

Decant an hour before tasting.



TASTING

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REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Decanter

91/100

"A darkly coloured, bright and spicy style, all fully ripe and juicy. There's a slight peppery edge, with a touch of menthol and juniper too. A rich, ripe style."

Decanter, 24/10/2024

