

MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu-Laurent Hermitage

AOC Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

In a classic and noble Style, the Wine bears the signature of its fabulous Terroir.

THE VINTAGE

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

Winter temperatures amongst the mildest in the decade, rainfall amounts amongst the highest ever in winter, among the lowest ever in spring, and a nice output of grapes throughout the Rhone cépages : everything would raise hope of an early vintage, the ever expected Vintage, satisfactory both in terms of quantity and of quality ! But it was not counting on an unusually cool and rainy summer... Vignerons are soon confronted with quite a few difficulties, the trickiest one being the management of diseases...

The first three weeks of September revive the vintage... September, the month of wine !

2014 demanded, especially during the final weeks, hard, incessant work. The vines were in demand. It was crucial to understand, to be able to anticipate... This required a bit of wisdom, reason, intuition...

A vintage for Vignerons, indeed. And the best ones did perform with talent.

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They are now rewarded. As for the others, alas... There, is the whole difference

TERROIR

Rouméas, Pierrelles.

TYPE OF SOIL

Clayey granitic.

AGEING

12 months in new and one vintage barrels. Allier et Tronçais. Then 12 months in foudre.

WINEMAKING

30% non destemmed.

VARIETALS

Serine, Syrah

13% % VOL.

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: 60 years. years old

SERVING

16°C

Decant 1 hour before service.

TASTING

With hints of fresh leather, liquorice, the Cuvée is, this year yet again, of very high level !



REVIEWS AND AWARDS



17/20

"Mid to dark crimson. Smudgy rim. Very big and sweet on the nose – not at all classic. Masses of charm but not much structure for a Hermitage. I almost feel as though I could drink it tonight! Not that much concentration but at least it is healthy... A really rather timid Hermitage. Light tannins on the end."

Jancis Robinson, 30/10/2015



92-94/100

"Vivid purple. High-pitched aromas of fresh black and blue fruits, potpourri and smoky minerals, along with an exotic hint of apricot. Sappy and seamless on the palate, offering juicy blueberry and violet pastille flavors that tighten up and become spicier with aeration. Fine-grained tannins build steadily on the finish, which lingers with excellent tenacity and resonating orality."

Josh Reynolds, Vinous, 01/02/2016

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"Entre élégance naturelle, finesse de grain et parfaite lecture de leurs appellations respectives, les vins présentés confortent notre idée selon laquelle il s'écrit ici un hommage aux grands vins du Rhône."

Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France 2017, 01/09/2016

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"Balance entre une petite note de moka et une sensation végétale. La bouche, d'une belle richesse, possède cette densité des beaux terroirs avec des tanins bien souples et un fruit presque sucré et doux."

Guide RVF 2017, 01/09/2016

