

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu-Laurent Saint-Joseph Vieilles Vignes

AOC Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France

*At the level of a « Little Côte-Rôtie » ! Unexpected Quality in 2014.  
Crystal-clear fruit. The Wine is chiseled, high in taste, with a lingering after-taste...*

### 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..

North winds coupled with a lovely late summer make forget this atypical summer. The grapes reach an excellent phenolic maturity.

The vines were in demand. It was crucial to understand, to be able to anticipate...

This required a bit of wisdom, reason, intuition...

### TERROIR

Saint-Pierre de Boeuf, Chavanay, Sainte-Epine.

### TYPE OF SOIL

Hard and decomposed granits.

### AGEING

12 months in new and one vintage barrels. Allier et Tronçais. Then 6 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

50% non destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Serine, Syrah

### 12,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### TECHNICAL DATA

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

### SERVING

16°C

Decant an hour before tasting.



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

18/20

"On touche au sublime avec une syrah de premier ordre: violette, encre de Chine et olive. Grande texture aussi longue que large, tannin de rêve, persistance dépassant les 30 caudalies. Un travail d'orfèvre de la barrique. Conjuguez-le avec un pigeon à la goutte sang et olive noire bien sûr."

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



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"Dark crimson. Unusually sweet nose. Tannins almost as though shined by a diamond polisher! A little salty on the end. Sort of sweet and salt. Then it just fades away a little on the end. Was the oak used on this wine unusually sweet?"

**Jancis Robinson, 30/10/2015**



91-93/100

"Vivid purple. Ripe blueberry and candied violet on the highly perfumed, spice- and smoke-accented nose. Fleshy, seamless and appealingly sweet on the palate, offering intense black and blue fruit flavors and a hint of spicecake that gains strength with air. The spicy quality carries strongly through the finish, which hangs on with serious tenacity and building tannins."

**Josh Reynolds, Vinous, 01/02/2016**

15/20

"Il sent la violette, avec un fruit très pur et une finale saline."

**Guide RVF 2017, 01/09/2016**

