MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



Maison Tardieu Laurent - Saint Joseph

AOC Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France

A attering and ambitious Wine ! I adore.

THE VINTAGE

Strange and paradoxical... This vintage has reserved us quite a few surprises, and still raises questions. Although described as « Great » by some Vignerons, its strong heterogeneity, depending on the sectors, imposes us to be attentive, measured, though hopeful.
2018 : the vegetative cycle is early. Spring sees generous rains and heat strokes alternate. According to “Elders”, from memory one has to get back to the 60’ to observe such pressure of diseases in the vineyard. And, unfortunately for some Domaines, the processing windows would, in the main, only open at the week-ends... The vintage therefore promises to be technically complicated, demanding meticulous, tedious, even relentless work, in the vineyards. Damage and losses vary... but yields on Grenache are historically low... Providentially, once again, we could count on Mother Nature’s final “nudge” ! Without hesitation we can assert that the quality of the remaining grapes, the quality of their juice, is mainly due to a brilliant month of September.
Indeed, the weather conditions during the harvest were almost perfect. Cool but sunny weather, with well-marked, valued, thermal amplitudes... The Vigneron was able to choose in all serenity the ideal moment to harvest, plot of land by plot of land, without having to operate any constrained arbitration...

TERROIR

Malleval, Les Roches sur Mauves, Coteaux Vitrine sur Saint Pierre de Boeuf, Mourre sur Serrières

AGEING

10 months in new and two barrels.
Then 6 months in foudre - Tronçais and Allier

VINIFICATION

1/3 not destemmed

VARIETAL

Serine, syrah 100%

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: more than 40 years years old

13 % VOL.
Bottling: No fining, no filtration

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