MAISON
TARDIEU - LAURENT
FAMILLE TARDIEU



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AOC Bandol, Provence, France

A □ask that the Amateurs will enjoy from its □rst years.

THE VINTAGE

If we look at the half empty glass - or tank -, frustration, and even sadness, will overwhelm us : historically small yields in France. The lowest of the post-war years. Cellars are empty. Clearly, one has to state that climate hazards, methodically, worked against us this year, in a succession of definitely adverse events : an abnormally cool spring caused frost, then grape shatter, on all of Rhone cépages, and, more particularly, Grenache. This cruel Spring followed up on a dauntingly dry summer… In the end, the yields in juice are tragically affected. The Wine grower's job becomes tightrope walker's job… without a net. These realities being called to mind, if we now look at the half full glass - and it is our nature to be optimistic -, the words which will come to me are relief, and even… enthusiasm ! These very challenging conditions indeed gave birth to first juices of so brilliant a Quality as they do better than just console us : they succeed in enticing, the Vignerons and us… !

The vines had naturally little load : they reacted magnificently to the extreme conditions of the year. The plant was able to bring its fruit to maturity, without big constraint, in an optimal way. The Wines promise to be splendidly well-balanced !

Year climatically unbalanced, but Cuvées showing balance… the Bourgogne way ! This, by the grace of Old Grenache, which brought to the highest level the singular personality of the real Rhone Wine. Wines are scented, refined...

TERROIR

Le Castellet.

TYPE OF SOIL

Limestone-clay soils.

AGEING

24 months in one and two vintages old barrels. Allier and Tronc□ais.

VARIETALS

Mourvèdre 95%, Grenache 5%

TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Over 50 years. years old

14% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

SERVING

14°C

Decant 2 hours before you serve.

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