



## Courtault-Tardieux 'Touraine Tradition' Rouge Gamay Côt 2019

Courtault-Tardieux's cuvée 'Tradition' is a blend of their own Gamay and Côt. When making the blend, their goal is to create a rich and fruity wine that's ready to share after a short amount of time in bottle. The exact blend changes each year.

At Domaine Courtault-Tardieux, all of the vines have been certified organic since 1998. 80% of the vineyards are harvested by hand. Vinification is done with native yeasts, no chaptalization, and minimal sulfites are added.

### Technical Information

VARIETAL: 50% Gamay, 50% Côt	COUNTRY: France
TYPE: Red Wine	APPELLATION: Touraine
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	ALC: 14.10%
SO2 TOTAL:	PRODUCTION: 8,000 bottles
VEGAN: Yes	UPC:

### Viticulture

FARMING: Organic Certified	SOIL TYPE: 30% white clay-slate, 70% clay-limestone
VINEYARD: Gamay : Solemot et Les 3 Chênes / Côt : Les Parcs et Les Automes	PRUNING: Short
VINE AGE: Vines planted in 1980s (Les 3 Chênes), Solemot 2017, Les Parcs 2013, Automes 1983	EXPOSITION: Northeast (Parcs), Southeast (Automes), and East (3 Chênes)
VINEYARD SIZE: 1 ha Gamay / 1.25 ha Côt	ALTITUDE: 120 m

### Vinification and Elevage

VINIFICATION: Short maceration (6-15 days) with whole clusters for Gamay and destemmed grapes for Côt, followed by malolactic fermentation

ELEVAGE: 6 months in fiberglass tanks

SO2 USE: N/A

FINING & FILTERING: Unfined / Tangential filtration

### About Courtault-Tardieux

As a teenager, Simon Tardieux began working in the vines at a famous local organic local domaine called Clos Roche Blanche. After university and a short stint as a social worker, he decided to return to Thésée and work outside in the vines. Only problem is that he didn't have any vineyards. So he teamed up with his neighbor Alain Courtault, who was already in the process of converting to organic viticulture. Simon has gradually taken over the domaine, mentored along the way by Alain as he prepares for his retirement.

Together, they have created a range of simple, eminently drinkable wines that showcase the best of French farming. The work in the vineyards goes far beyond following the rules of organic farming. Every decision Simon makes is the result of thoughtful deliberations and an effort to promote a local "paysan" culture between local farmers and winemakers.

