



Janvier 2018

La Réserve de Malartic White 2016

*2nd wine of Château Malartic-Lagravière
Classified Growth of Graves in Red and in White*

Vintage

Extreme weather conditions resulted in an exceptional vintage

A particularly wet winter and spring promised good yields. One of the best summers of the decade, with a long dry period, brought power and concentration. A remarkable late season, with substantial differences in temperatures, ensured **elegance for this exceptional vintage**. Each of these stages, with an extreme climatology, has been chained with a **perfect tempo**: This is the singularity of this vintage.

Flowering was rapid and uniform and summer extremely hot and dry. But Malartic vines' deep roots were able to find water reserves in the clay-limestone subsoil and benefit fully from the summer heat. The grapes changed colour with the same uniformity as the flowering.

After the very dry conditions, the rain on 13 September (40 mm) was welcome. An Indian summer lasted through to the end of the harvests with some big differences between the day and night-time temperatures, encouraging the accumulation of anthocyanins and aromatic richness.

The white grapes, with a slightly lower yield than 2015, were harvested from 19 to 27 September. Despite the very dry summer, acidity levels were good, giving a nice balance to the particularly aromatic, dense wines.

Harvest period

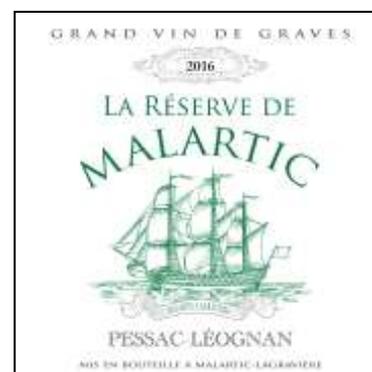
Sauvignon	From 19 to 26 September 2016
Sémillon	27 September 2016

Blend

Sauvignon	80 %
Sémillon	20 %

Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)	53 hectares
Area in white (A.O.C.)	7 hectares
Geology	Well-drained gravels and clay gravels
Grape varieties	Sauvignon 80% - Sémillon 20%
Density of plantation	10 000 plants / ha
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average yield	34 hl/ha
Harvesting	Sustainable agriculture and High Value Environmental certification*
Vinification	Slow pressing and fermentation in barrels
Fermentation temperature	20-22°
Ageing	On lees in traditional oak barrels
Ageing period	10 months
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland



*(HVE, level 3 (the highest) since 2015. A unique reference of environmental quality, prioritizing biodiversity inside and all around plots.)