



# La Réserve de Malartic Red 2019

## 2<sup>nd</sup> wine of Château Malartic-Lagravière

### Pessac-Léognan Appellation

#### Vintage

**A vintage with all the characteristics of the great years**

**The vintage's freshness and balance are combined with dazzling fruit and a velvety texture.**

This vintage was characterized by rather extreme weather conditions. The spring was particularly wet, but a window of clement weather at the end of May-early June enabled **good flowering**. July brought **two heatwaves**, in both cases followed by some **beneficial rain**. The summer was sunny with a classic Bordeaux August. **A superb late season** enabled the Cabernets' tannins to continue to ripen and reach optimal maturity.

The **white wines present exceptional quality**. The cool August produced superbly balanced grapes, highlighting their aromatic profiles. **The grandiose reds** have two phases of maturity: **The Merlots**, with the dry and warm June and July, are **fleshy, round and aromatic**. After the rains at the end of September, the **Cabernets** finish refining their tannins, preserving the freshness and thus offering **extraordinary complexity, sap and silkiness**.

There was a **significant turning point** in the work at Malartic this year. From the harvest dates to the ageing of the wines, everything was done to preserve, more than ever, the distinctive character of each micro terroir, the brilliance of the grapes and their different flavours. In the winery, this range was expressed with **delicacy and precision** through an extremely rigorous selection at the presses and early blending.

The freshness and the balance of this vintage combine with the brilliance of the fruit and velvety texture, with a ample yet complex tannic structure, reflecting the **true signature of Malartic's terroir**.

#### Harvest period

Merlots	September, 17 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Cabernet-Sauvignon	October 1 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Petit-Verdot	October 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019

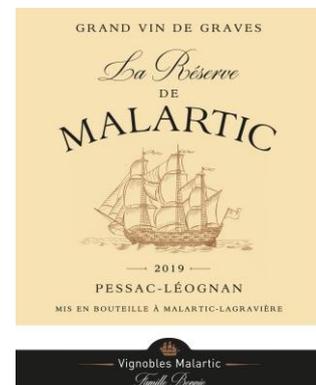
#### Blend

Merlot	82,6%
Cabernet-Sauvignon	12,3%
Petit-Verdot	5,1%

#### Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)	73 hectares
Area in red (A.O.C.)	46 hectares
Geology	Quaternary Günzian well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil
Grape varieties	56% Merlot - 39% Cabernet-Sauvignon 3% Cabernet-Franc - 2% Petit-Verdot
Density of plantation	10 000 plants/ha
Pruning method	Guyot double
Harvesting	Manual harvest by intra-plot passes, double sorting tables Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification*, ISO 14001 (EMS)
Average yield	46 hl/ha
Vinification	Double cap, thermoregulated stainless steel and oak vats
Fermentation	21 to 23 days
Ageing	Early blending, traditional on fine lees in French oak barrels, 25 % New oak
Ageing period	In progress. About 15 months
Oenologist Consultants	Eric Boissenot

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





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*Classified Growth of Graves in Red and in White*

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**93-94** This has tile, stone and dusty-soil character to the dark fruit and plums. It's full-bodied and extremely refined with beautiful tannins and fruit. Currants and light chocolate at the end. Second wine.