



La Réserve de Malartic White 2009

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

Vintage

The 2009 vintage benefited from excellent, if not perfect conditions! The winter and spring were dry and mild. Flowering was uniform and exceptionally fast with all varieties flowering in late May, resulting in a harmonious start of the ripening phase. Such a combination of positive factors - a prerequisite for the composition of refined, elegant tannins - (uniform Véraison, sunshine and warmth offset by cool nights, and perfect humidity) has not been seen for 30 years, particularly during the crucial months of August, September and early October!

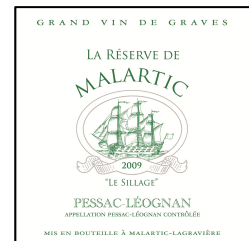
Reinforced by the growing techniques practised since 1997 at the Château (sustainable farming, monitoring of the ripeness plot-by-plot, minimum use of treatment, etc...) the Malartic-Lagravière 2009, both Rouge and Blanc, have huge potential, and will undoubtedly develop over many glorious years.

Harvest period

Sauvignons	From 7 to 12 september 2009
Sémillons	From 18 to 23 september 2009

Blend

Sauvignon	80%
Sémillon	20%



Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)	53 hectares
Area in red (A.O.C.)	7 hectares
Géology	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	31 hl/ha
Vinification	Slow pressing and fermentation in barrels
Fermentation temperature	20-22°
Ageing	On lees in traditional oak barrels: 30% new oak
Ageing period	11 months
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Brilliant bright colour. The nose develops complex aromas of pears, bush peaches and citrus fruit. The palate is fresh and lively, revealing notes of exotic fruit, pineapple and apricot that bring harmony and balance. The acidity and smoothness are well balanced, giving the wine a vigorous character. Overall, the pleasant complexity and good length make this a delightful wine.



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