



September 2013

Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 2001

Classified Growth of Graves in Red and in White Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)

Vintage

After a very rainy winter and autumn, the hot, dry spring provided favourable conditions for flowering and the setting of the fruit. Despite a cold, wet July, the grapes were able to ripen correctly, helped by the hot, dry August.

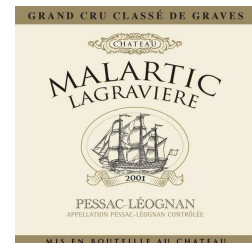
This was a relatively early year with rapid growth in May followed by equally rapid flowering due to the high temperatures in mid-June. Ripening was slow to start due to alternating warm and wet spells, and finished with a long, rather dry, cool period. This freshness enabled the flavour potential of the grapes to become refined and more complex; ultimately they were harvested with good phenolic ripeness and in perfect health. An intentional reduction of the yield produced grapes that were rich in sugar, colour and tanins. Furthermore, weather conditions enabled the growing of grapes suited to the production of complex, elegant wines, with an emphasis on fruit.

Harvest period

Merlots	From 25 september to 2 october 2001
Cabernets	From 1 ^{er} to 12 october 2001

Blend

Merlot	50%
Cabernet Sauvignon	5%
Cabernet Franc	5%



Technical Data

Total area (A.O.C.)	53 hectares
Area in red (A.O.C.)	46 hectares
Géology	Well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil
Grape varieties	45% Merlot - 45% Cabernet Sauvignon 8% Cabernet Franc - 2% Petit Verdot
Density of plantation	10 000 plants / ha
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average yield	24hl/ha
Vinification	Thermoregulated stainless steel or oak vats
Fermentation	3 to 5 weeks - 28 to 30° C
Ageing	Traditional oak barrels: 50% new oak
Ageing period	17 months
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Deep colour with hints of coppery brown. Elegant, complex nose, with notes of smoke, tobacco, truffles, blackcurrants and Morello cherries. The palate is rich, with tight substance evolving with great charm and balance with notes of spice, truffle, mocha and a beautiful flavourful finish. Fine, silky tanins. This is a sleek, voluptuous wine, now at its peak; the flavours are so lively and have such wonderful elegance there can be no doubt that it will continue to impress for some years.





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Press Release

Panos Kakaviatos - Decanter.com - June 2012

Presented by co-owner Jean-Jacques Bonnie, Château Malartic Lagravière 2001 proved to be among the best of the tasting: rich and full-bodied, with fine sap.

Jean-Marc Quarin - Guide Quarin des Vins de Bordeaux - Septembre 2011

La couleur est intense. Le nez, très aromatique, apparaît complexe. Très belle bouche parfumée, riche, à la finale réglissée et puissante, au fruité éclatant, aux tannins fins. C'est un must du moment (dernière note :16).

Neil Martin - March 2011

88 : *Tasted blind at Bordeaux Index's 10-Year On horizontal. The palate is medium-bodied, very tight and compact, a wine that seems to be permanently breathing in. Fine tannins, nicely balanced and although it is very taciturn at first, it develops a lovely Graves-like earthiness towards the classic finish. This is certainly better than three years ago, but just let down by the aromatics.*

Guide Robert Parker - Edition 2008 - Septembre 2007

Des senteurs de tabac terreux, d'herbe séchée, de cassis et de chêne épicé jaillissent du Malartic-Lagravière 2001 parfumé et de corpulence moyenne. Ces arômes fascinants sont suivis de notes de braise et de pur cassis, puis d'une bouche racée, moyennement corsée et concentrée. Les tanins sont présents mais bien masqués par l'excellente profondeur du vin. A consommer dans les 9 à 10 ans.

Chris Kissack - The Wine Doctor - winedoctor.com - November 2006

17+ *A really stylish nose here, full of Graves typicité, with some delightful smoke and tobacco tinged fruit. On the palate, however, it remains rather unevolved, firm, but with plenty of promise. Appealing crunchy red fruits and a reserved style. This is very good, but needs five to eight years in the cellar at least. Coming on nicely. Up a half-point.*

François Mauss - Le Grand Jury Européen - Juin 2005

Classé en 10^{ème} position sur 80 crus de la rive droite et la rive gauche Vins et Gastronomie. *C'est une pure merveille, ce vin limpide et aux reflets de mûre, dévoile ses arômes après un passage en carafe, sur des notes de sous-bois, de baies noires et de torréfaction.*