



Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 2006

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

Vintage

The coldness and dryness of the winter continued into early spring, although March was mild and wet. 2006 was a slightly paradoxical vintage with very high temperatures in the spring (over 30°C on several days) being followed by a fairly cool summer with less sun than usual, and then fine weather in September interspersed with some showers.

Growth started vigorously with the high temperatures in May. The first blossom was visible in late May with most of the vines flowering in early June. Flowering was fast and uniform, suggesting a good harvest. Ripening began in good conditions (end of July for the white grapes and early August for the red grapes), despite the extreme heat and some storms in June and July.

This was a somewhat atypical vintage, particularly in terms of temperature, but work in the vineyard over the course of the year (removal of leaves as necessary, ploughing, etc.) and during the harvest, allowed us to obtain grapes of very good quality in the "classic Bordeaux" style.

Harvest period

Merlots
Cabernets

From 18 to 26 september 2006
From 2 to 6 october 2006



Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon
Merlot
Cabernet Franc

50%
45%
5%

Technical Data

Total area (A.O.C.)
Area in red (A.O.C.)
Géology

53 hectares
46 hectares
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
Pruning method

10 000 plants / ha
Guyot double

Average yield

42 hl/ha

Vinification

Thermoregulated stainless steel or oak vats

Fermentation

4 weeks and half - 28 to 30° C

Ageing

Traditional oak barrels: 80% new oak

Ageing period

18 months

Oenologist Consultants

Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

The nose is powerful, complex and elegant. Fine aromas of dark fruit. Minerality. A subtle, elegant woodiness adding complexity. On the palate, the attack is generous, full-bodied and rich. The wine develops fruit aromas and presents a tight, sleek tannic structure. Lots of complexity and flavour in terms of both the aromas and the tanins. The fine structure enables tremendous power that remains controlled with elegance and finesse. With its superb length, this is a distinguished wine with the typical characteristics of Château Malartic-Lagravière.





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Press Release

Guide Dussert Gerber des vins 2014

Beau 2006, dégageant une rondeur en bouche persistante, ample et parfumé, légèrement épicé, d'une très jolie finale avec ces notes de fumé et de petits fruits noirs sur-mûris.

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

La couleur est sombre, vive. Le nez fin, fruité sent un petit peu le bois de pin. L'entrée en bouche est soyeuse, suave. Le corps se développe élancé, savoureux après le milieu de bouche sur une tannicité un brun austère tout en restant aromatique.

Michael Schuster - The World of fine Wine - Décembre 2010

Thierry Desseauve

Score 17: *Dark and deep color, cedar aromas, full body with fine and ripe tannins; powerful, long finish. You can quietly wait for this wine - it will age perfectly 10 or 15 years.*

Michel Bettane & Thierry Desseauve - L'Express -Le guide des 100 vins 2010

Cité parmi les 10 Grands qui ne se prennent pas pour des Grands (toutes appellations confondues et le seul cité dans l'appellation Pessac-Léognan).

Jancis Robinson - Jancis Robinson.com - Southwold - 27 January 2010

Score 16.5: *Only property to score highly for both its red and white. Quoted as one of the best bargains among all Bordeaux region's wines. Pretty ripe and black cherry-like. Very juicy. Yet with firm structure. A cross between Graves and Pomerol. A lot of flesh !*

Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - February 2009

Score 90: *Proprietor Alexandre Bonnie has produced brilliant white and red wines at this estate-s NASA space age-looking winemaking facility. I remember these wines from the early days of The Wine Advocate, and they were undrinkable swill. That is certainly not the case today. This is classic Pessac-Leognan with leafy tobacco, smoky red and black currant, forest floor, cedar, and graphite notes. It is a medium-bodied wine of impeccable purity, texture, and balance. Enjoy it over the next 15 years.*