



May 2014

# Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 2007

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

### Vintage

After a rainy, cool spring, the summer continued with plenty of rain and mild, sometimes even cool temperatures; the splendid late summer weather was a real miracle, allowing us to harvest perfectly ripe grapes with dazzling sunshine.

With such challenging weather, the watch words for this vintage were vigilance and rigorous green work, with early leaf thinning and green harvest sometimes being repeated three times in the same plot in order to compensate for the uneven flowering.

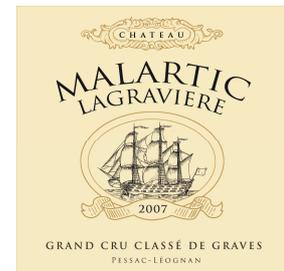
The superb Indian summer saved the vintage. In order to take advantage of the sunshine, the harvests started late with the Merlot on 1 October and finished with the Cabernet on 15 October.

### Harvest period

Merlots	From 1 <sup>er</sup> to 9 October 2007
Cabernets	From 10 to 15 October 2007
Petit Verdot	9 October 2007

### Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon	55%
Merlot	40%
Cabernet Franc	3%
Petit Verdot	2%



### 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	41 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

Dark, dense crimson colour. The nose is elegant, expressing lots of ripe fruit (blackberries and blackcurrants), and also some aromas of white flowers with a few notes of mint and white pepper. The palate is velvety, developing the same flavours as the bouquet with great freshness and some additional notes of mocha and chocolate. The structure is complex and balanced, with racy, silky tannins. Overall, a very appealing, dense, well-balanced wine with a long, persistent finish. The terroir's signature characteristics are recognizable in this elegant, seductive, classic vintage.





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### Press Release

#### **Michel Bettane & Thierry Desseauve - Tastpro - Septembre 2012**

**17 :** Fortement aromatique avec le caractère frais mais non végétal des cabernets du millésime, séducteur, très fin dans son tanin racé, long, un rien moins dense que quelques voisins.

#### **Thierry Desseauve - Noted in the Thierry Desseauve's top wines (Malartic-Lagravière 13ème among 17 wines noted) - The World of Fine Wine - Décembre 2011**

**Score 17.5:** Good color, brilliant nose, with red and black fruit, and a hint of vanilla and cedar; remarkably fine tannins, perfume, length, and a silky finish. Grand vin!

#### **David Peppercorn - Jancis Robinson - Tim Atkin - Anthony Barne - Beverley Blanning - Hugo Rose (among 50 Masters of Wine) - Institute of Masters of Wine - The annual Bordeaux Tasting 2007 - November 2011**

**16** Drink 2014-2020. Light but beguiling fragrance. Then a little drying on the end. Just not quite enough fruit in the middle.

#### **Gilbert & Gaillard - Septembre 2010 - magazine version anglaise**

**Note 94:** Quoted among the rated wines 90/100 and more – Gold club Bordeaux.

#### **Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - April 2010**

**Score 90 :** This beauty, which achieved 13% natural alcohol (because of the late Indian Summer that saved the vintage), boasts a deep ruby/purple color along with a big, sweet kiss of graphite, ink, black currants, raspberries, charcoal, and cigar box. Spicy, elegant, layered, and medium to full-bodied, this delicious, complex offering should be consumed over the next 12-15 years. Drink 2010 – 2025.

#### **Christelle Guibert - Decanter - March 2010**

**Score \*\*\* (16):** "Deep colour with dense cassis fruit, and some pencil shave aromas. The palate has firm tannins and an elegant fruit concentration with a fine medium acidity. Medium length.. Drink from 2011.

#### **Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - February 2010**

**Score 90:** While initially the fruit seems tight and stalky, there is also a rich layer of black currant and balanced wood flavors. Acidity is prominent, but it fits well into the fruit. medium-term aging.