



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 2008

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

Vintage

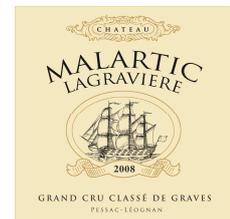
A surprising vintage! There was considerable concern after the cool, wet summer but a wonderful September completely reversed the situation. Due to the excellent conditions in the Malartic vineyard, the grapes were able to reach the desired levels of ripeness. The result was incredible densities, also due to the very low yields, which were another feature of the 2008 vintage.

Harvest period

Merlots	From 6 to 23 october 2008
Cabernets	From 17 to 23 october 2008

Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon	55%
Merlot	38%
Cabernet Franc	5%
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	27 hl/ha
Vinification	Thermoregulated stainless steel or oak vats
Fermentation	30 to 35 days - 28 à 30° C
Ageing	Traditional oak barrels: 70% new oak
Ageing period	18 months
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Colour bright and clear. Deep red.

Nose superb red and black fruit, delightful liveliness. Peppery, smoky, mineral notes with good intensity.

Palate fruity attack, which dominates the entire palate. Also notes of mocha and dark chocolate, giving an overall impression of great elegance. Beautiful liveliness, with sleek tannins. A voluptuous, elegant wine, with a long, lingering finish. A full-bodied, well-rounded classic.

(Tasting on 21.01.2014 by the Château's team: owners, cellar master, vineyard manager.)





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Press Release

Michel Bettane - The World of Fine Wine - December 2012

18.5 Michel Bettane's top wines. *Great tobacco aromas ; full-scale body and texture for Léognan, with a sumptuously velvety texture. The harvest was so perfectly ripe, nobody (I hope) will object to the high level of alcohol. A very great wine and a benchmark 2008.*

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France 2013

17.5 *Très avenant, le rouge 2008 offre une bouche très mûre, un style opulent et persistant*

Neal Martin - The Wine Journal - March 2012

93 *The Malartic-Lagravière 2008 has a very ripe, floral bouquet with a lot of vanillary new oak with dark cherries, raspberry and here, a hint of tangy marmalade in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent tannins. Ripe and vivacious, rounded with good acidity cutting through the ripe cassis and blackberry finish. Almost Pauillac in style with great focus, this is a superb wine from the Bonnie family.*

Jancis Robinson - The Southwold Tasting - February 2012

17.5 *Drink 2018-2030. Blackish crimson. Very minerally on the nose - intense! Round and supple on the palate. Intriguing wine unlike any other. Pretty firm tannins but very ambitious. Need to wait.*

Stephen Brook - Decanter - December 2011 (Tasted for April 2011 issue)

The 289 top French buys of the year

17.4**Highly recommended:** *Rich, opulent nose of ripe black fruit, creamy new oak, minerals, earth, tobacco and spice.*

Wine Enthusiast - Top 100 Wines for 2011 - December 2011

93 (Rank 66) Only Bordeaux part of the ranking. *A powerful, ripe wine, with solid tannins and rich black plum and currant fruits. The wine is very much in the Malartic-Lagravière style of rich, dense fruits layered with tannins. Château Malartic-Lagravière.*

Robert Parker - robertparker.com - May 2011

91: Noted in the Vintage's Top Performers - *One of the most successful wines of the vintage, it exhibits a deep ruby/purple color along with sweet notes of creosote, graphite, lead pencil shavings, black currants, plums and licorice. Medium to full-bodied and silky with good underlying acidity, it is a juicy, savory, quintessentially elegant wine that will benefit from several years of cellaring and last for 15+ years.*

Neal Martin - The Wine Journal - January 2011

93: *This has a fragrant bouquet with blackberry leaf, raspberry, small dark cherries, cedar and a touch of black olive. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine silky tannins, very focused and fresh with succulent ripe black fruits towards the tensile finish. This is excellent: beautifully crafted with no rough edges. I said that it may merit a high score after bottling...and it does. Drink 2013-2030.*