



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 2009

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

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 veraison, 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 Red and White, have huge potential, and will undoubtedly develop over many glorious years.

Harvest period

Merlots From 24 september to 8 october 2009
Cabernets From 7 to 15 october 2009

Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon 59 %
Merlot 38 %
Petit Verdot 3 %



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 38 hl/ha
Vinification Thermoregulated stainless steel or oak vats
Fermentation 4 weeks and half - 28 à 30° C
Ageing Traditional oak barrels: 80% new oak
Ageing period 20 months
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Colour bright, clear, deep crimson.

Nose very harmonious, lovely intensity with black fruit and spices. Complex, with slightly smoky, toasted notes.

Palate fine attack, lots of volume and good balance. The tannins are silky. Pleasant fruitiness with smoky, spicy notes. Minerality. The overall impression is of freshness, great length, vigour and power. This wine combines tremendous richness in the flavours with a delightful freshness, giving it exceptional balance.

(Tasting on 22.01.2014 by the Château's team: owners, cellar master, vineyard manager.)



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Press Release

Jean-Marc Quarin - jeanmarcquarin.com - Janvier 2014

16,75//93 Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez fruité, animal et très mûr. Note de cuir. Entrée en bouche douce puis le vin se développe aromatique, juteux et gras au milieu. Il s'achève savoureux et long sur une très belle finale évoquant la classe du cabernet sauvignon. Beau vin. 2020–2040.

Michael Schuster - The World of Fine Wine - January 2014

16.5 Among 20 Châteaux selected - Good value for eventual drinking. Ripe fruit nose; full-bodied, yet retaining its freshness and elegance, and with a fine textured if very dry tannin; a sweet core-fruit, long and racy and even, with a gentle minerality, behind and excellent length; stylish, complex, complete, long term Malartic. 2022 - 2035+

Anthony Rose - anthonyrosewine.com - February 2013

92 Good primary colour, expressive nose, nicely oaked, slightly chocolatey, cherryish fruit quality, with attractively sweet middle framed by delicate oak, firmish tannins and good spine of fresh acidity; overall well-made medium-bodied, juicy claret for medium term drinking.

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France 2014

17 Plus fermé, le 2009 en rouge possède une parfaite définition tannique et une ligne épurée.

Michel Bettane et Thierry Desseauve - Un Dimanche rouge et blanc - Décembre 2012

18 Nez d'un grand raffinement, fruit d'une maturité et d'une subtilité rares, grande minéralité, boisé des plus distingués, la bouche exprime les mêmes qualités aromatiques, la texture est ample, dense, très franche, fraîche et longue. Un équilibre complètement juste.

Andreas Larsson - Tasted - Novembre 2012

97 Pure and mineral nose, wet stones, tobacco, wild berries, blackcurrant and fine leather, the palate is rather massive and concentrated with layers of dark fruit, high level of fine tannin, a bright freshness and supreme length, great purity and potential.

Pierre Guigui - Gault&Millau - Octobre - Novembre 2012

Cité dans les 20 Pessac-Léognan à la dégustation

18.5 La première approche présente un boisé riche s'estompant au premier tour de verre, où apparaissent des fruits rouges et noirs et une brassée de fleurs. Plus le nez s'ouvre, plus il devient élégant. La bouche est subtile, racée, fine, avec une belle allonge.

Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - February 2012

92+ Probably the best wine that has come from this estate, along with their 2005. This organically farmed vineyard has turned out a deeply layered wine with a striking perfume of graphite, wet stones, red and black currants, tobacco leaf and underbrush. The compelling aromatics are followed by a medium-bodied but intensely concentrated wine with loads of ripe fruit, plenty of glycerin (14% natural alcohol) and a long, nuanced, impressively endowed finish. Accessible already, this wine should continue to drink well for 15 or more years. Drink 2012-2027.

James Suckling - jamesuckling.com - February 2012

93 Aromas of blueberries, spices and bark follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a long silky textured finish. Very fine indeed. Best ever from here. Try it in 2017.



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Bernard Burtschy - Le Figaro -Club Vin - Juin 2010

Note 94 - 96 : *Robe impressionnante. Nez intense, cassis, superbe. En bouche, attaque dense, beaux tannins fins, long, beau milieu de bouche, finale superbe sur le cuir.*

Steven Spurrier - Decanter - June 2010 (version papier)

Score 18 **:** *Pure cassis, smoky lift, fresh, intense vineyard fruit, with spice, energy and depth. 2016 - 2030.*

Ian D'Agata - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May-June 2010

Score 91-94: *Nose opens slowly with air to reveal very ripe black plum and blackberry syrup aromas complicated by underbrush and plenty of sweet oak. Enters soft and creamy, but with lively acids framing the ripe black fruit and herbal flavors. Finishes long and very minerally, with a dense, tactile mouth feel. This very impressive wine borders on overripeness yet manages to stay fresh and lively.*