



June 2020

Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 2019

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

Vintage

A vintage with all the characteristics of the great years

The vintage's freshness and balance are combined with dazzling fruit and a velvety texture.

This vintage was characterized by rather extreme weather conditions. The spring was particularly wet, but a window of clement weather at the end of May-early June enabled **good flowering**. July brought **two heatwaves**, in both cases followed by some **beneficial rain**. The summer was sunny with a classic Bordeaux August. **A superb late season** enabled the Cabernets' tannins to continue to ripen and reach optimal maturity.

The **white wines present exceptional quality**. The cool August produced superbly balanced grapes, highlighting their aromatic profiles. **The grandiose reds** have two phases of maturity: **The Merlots**, with the dry and warm June and July, are **fleshy, round and aromatic**. After the rains at the end of September, the **Cabernets** finish refining their tannins, preserving the freshness and thus offering **extraordinary complexity, sap and silkiness**.

There was a **significant turning point** in the work at Malartic this year. From the harvest dates to the ageing of the wines, everything was done to preserve, more than ever, the distinctive character of each micro terroir, the brilliance of the grapes and their different flavours. In the winery, this range was expressed with **delicacy and precision** through an extremely rigorous selection at the presses and early blending.

The freshness and the balance of this vintage combine with the brilliance of the fruit and velvety texture, with a ample yet complex tannic structure, reflecting the **true signature of Malartic's terroir**.

Harvest period

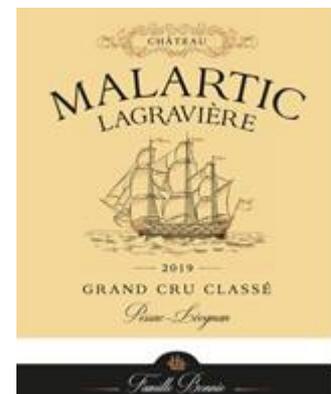
Merlots	September, 17 th to 30 th , 2019
Cabernet-Sauvignon	October 1 th to 11 th , 2019
Cabernet-Franc	October 2 nd & 3rd, 2019

Blend

Cabernet-Sauvignon	55.9 %
Merlot	41.3 %
Cabernet-Franc	2.8 %

Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)	73 hectares
Area in red (A.O.C.)	64 hectares
Geology	Quaternary Günzian well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil
Grape varieties	56% Merlot - 39% Cabernet-Sauvignon 3% Cabernet-Franc - 2% Petit-Verdot
Density of plantation	10 000 plants / ha
Average age of the vineyard	27 years old
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average yield	46 hl/ha
Harvest	Manual harvest by intra-plot passes, double sorting tables Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification*, ISO 14001 (EMS)
Vinification	Double cap, thermoregulated stainless steel and oak vats
Fermentation	21 to 23 days
Ageing	Early blending, traditional on fine lees in French oak barrels, new oak 65%
Ageing period	in progress – around 18 months
Oenologist Consultants	Eric Boissenot



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Press Release

JamesSuckling.com – James Suckling – Mai 2020

95-96 This elegance and beauty of this young wine is really something. Incense, sandalwood, currants and chocolate come through on the nose and palate. It's full-bodied, very fine-tanned and persistent. Sophisticated. Another 2016 ?

YvesBeck.wine – Yves Beck – Juin 2020

92-94 Pourpre violacé. Que de finesse et de subtilité dans ce bouquet, Invitantes notes de cerises noires et de mûres suivies d'une touche épicée et de nuances minérales. En bouche le vin parvient à allier le tempérament de la structure avec le charme des tannins. Ces derniers sont parfaitement intégrés et assurent bien les arrières. Le vin doit encore quelque peu gagner en densité mais la fraîcheur et l'expression aromatique sont déjà très motivants ! 2024-2042