



September 2013

# Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2001

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

## Vintage

After a very rainy winter and autumn, the hot, dry spring provided favourable conditions for flowering and the setting of the fruit. Despite a cold, wet July, the grapes were able to ripen correctly, helped by the hot, dry August.

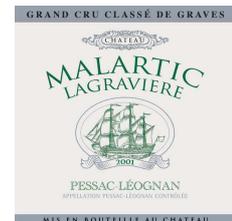
This was a relatively early year with rapid growth in May followed by equally rapid flowering due to the high temperatures in mid-June. Ripening was slow to start due to alternating warm and wet spells, and finished with a long, rather dry, cool period. This freshness enabled the flavour potential of the grapes to become refined and more complex; ultimately they were harvested with good phenolic ripeness and in perfect health. The white wines for this vintage stand out for their exceptional balance and intensity. An intentional reduction of the yield produced grapes that were rich in sugar, colour and tanins. Furthermore, weather conditions enabled the growing of grapes suited to the production of complex, elegant wines, with an emphasis on fruit.

## Harvest period

Sauvignons From 4 to 21 september 2001  
Sémillons 24 september 2001

## Blend

Sauvignon 80%  
Sémillon 20%



## Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.) 53 hectares  
Area in white (A.O.C.) 7 hectares  
Géology Well-drained gravels and clay gravels  
Grape varieties Sauvignon 80% - Sémillon 20%  
Density of plantation 10 000 plants / ha  
Pruning method Guyot double  
Average yield 25 hl/ha  
Vinification Slow pressing and fermentation in barrels  
Fermentation temperature 20-22°  
Ageing On lees in traditional oak barrels: 30% new oak  
Ageing period 10 to 15 months  
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

## Tasting Notes

Elegant, complex, mineral nose, with roasted notes, toasted almonds, and some mint and apricot. The palate is smooth and full-bodied; very good length with lingering flavours of ripe yellow fruit, and the same notes that appeared in the nose, with a hint of truffle, smoke and earthiness. Superb concentration, balance and elegance. A delightful, distinguished wine. With its subtle smoothness and persistence, this great wine is now at its peak but will continue to impress for some years.





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### ***Press Release***

***Olivier Poels et Philippe Maurange - La Revue du Vin de France - Décembre/Janvier 2011 - Cité dans le palmarès inédit « Nos meilleurs Bordeaux 2001 »***

***Note 16.5 :*** *A ce point, il offre une belle bouche sur des notes de fruits jaunes bien mûrs. Ensemble vigoureux et finale gourmande.*

***Guide Düsseldorf Gerber - 2008***

*Le 2001 est superbe. Finesse, équilibre, ampleur, un grand vin très charmeur, riche en arômes comme en bouche, d'une suavité subtile et persistante*

***Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - Juin 2004***

***Note : 92***