



September 2013

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2005

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

Vintage

A cold, dry winter was followed by a mild spring and a very dry summer. The relatively low temperatures and cool nights provided conditions that were favourable for the flavour expression of the future wines. Overall, the vintage was characterized by dry weather with a substantial water deficit (300 mm) over the summer period, further reinforcing the year's historically dry nature.

Mild weather enabled a steady growth cycle. Flowering began very early in June in optimal conditions. The climate favoured excellent health, which was further encouraged by various green harvest. Regular ploughing mitigated the effects of the drought. The white grapes began their veraison around 25 July, and the red grapes in early August. A great vintage was in the making.

At harvest, the white grapes presented an exceptional balance between sugar, acidity and flavours. This promising potential was fully expressed after alcoholic fermentation. Even at this early stage, the wines were lively, rich and generous with exceptionally intense flavours. They also possessed a great deal of character and vigour : sure signs of a *grand millésime* in the making.

Harvest period

Sauvignons
Sémillons

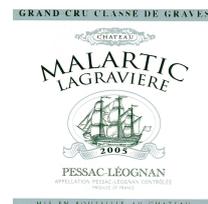
From 25 august to 1st september 2005
From 5 to 8 september 2005

Blend

Sauvignon 90%
Sémillon 10%

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 28 hl/ha
Vinification Slow pressing and fermentation in barrels
Fermentation temperature 20-22°
Ageing On lees in traditional oak barrels: 50% new oak
Ageing period 11 months
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis



Tasting

Beautiful golden yellow colour. The nose is elegant, complex and lively, developing almost musky notes of almonds, minerality and flint. The attack is rich and sappy. The palate develops with tremendous volume, revealing a delicate fruitiness and a distinguished minerality. This is a very complex wine, pleasingly lively, offering a good concentration of floral aromas and spices, with notes of apricot. The beautiful long flavourful finish remains perfectly balanced. Quite simply superb!





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Press Release

Michel Bettane et Thierry Desseauve - Le Journal du Dimanche - Décembre 2010 - Cité parmi les : « Dix Bordeaux pour aimer le Bordeaux »

Note 17.5 : Ici, les blancs récents sont remarquables. Ils ont gagné en volume et en onctuosité. Les derniers millésimes se situent tous au premier rang.

Neil Martin - The Wine Journal - June 19th 2009

Score 92 : Tasted single blind at Southwold. This has a more introverted, earthy nose here: limestone, wet gravel, quite Burgundian (Chassagne-Montrachet if pushed.) Nice definition but needs more time. The palate has good fruit concentration, spicy and aromatic, with touches of dried apricot, wet wool and tangerine towards the finish. Very promising and better than a year ago. Drink 2012-2020. Tasted January 2009.

Jancis Robinson - Southwold 2005 - February 2009

Score 16.5 : Very rich and yet with strong grassy notes too. Reasonably straightforward. Good juicy green fruit in the middle. Satisfying, fairly forward drink.

Robert Parker - July 2008

Score 92 : Made in a beautiful, elegant, zesty style, the 2005 Malartic Lagravière offers copious quantities of honeyed grapefruit and other assorted citrus, crushed rock, spring flower, nectarine, and marmalade, as well as brilliant acidity and a bright, refreshing, mineral-dominated personality. It should evolve for 10 to 15 or more years.

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - June 2006

Score 91 : Soft and generously ripe, the yellow and white fruits dominate this open wine. The structure comes from green plum flavors, leaving a crisp aftertaste.

James Suckling - Wine Spectator - Tasting Report 2005 Bordeaux - March 2008

Score 90 : Loads of lemon and lime on the nose, with mineral undertones. Full-bodied, with bright, lively acidity and a long finish of citrus fruit. A very lively style. Best after 2008.

Guide des Vins Gilbert & Gaillard 2009

Note 94 : Robe jaune pâle, reflet vert. Au nez une expression très pure : notes florales, fruitées et acidulées. En bouche, un bel équilibre entre gras et puissance, un vin à la fois dense, aromatique et porté par une fraîcheur bienvenue. Finale épicée, très longue.

Stephen Brook - Decanter February 2007

******* :** The best white I've ever tasted from this Graves property : dramatic in its spicy, passionfruit aromas. 2007-18