



September 2013

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2006

Classified Growth of Graves in Red and in White

Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)

Vintage

The coldness and dryness of the winter continued into early spring, although March was mild and wet. 2006 was a slightly paradoxical vintage with very high temperatures in the spring (over 30°C on several days) being followed by a fairly cool summer with less sun than usual, and then fine weather in September interspersed with some showers.

Growth started vigorously with the high temperatures in May. The first blossom was visible in late May with most of the vines flowering in early June. Flowering was fast and uniform, suggesting a good harvest. Veraison began in good conditions (end of July for the white grapes and early August for the red grapes), despite the extreme heat and some storms in June and July.

This was a somewhat atypical vintage, particularly in terms of temperature, but work in the vineyard all the very long (leaf thinning as necessary, ploughing, etc.) and during the harvest, allowed us to obtain grapes of very good quality in the "classic Bordeaux" style.

Harvest period

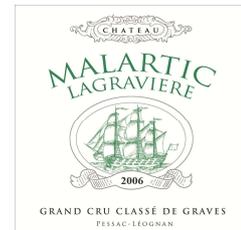
Sauvignons
Sémillons

from 30 august to 8 september 2006
13 september 2006

Blend

Sauvignon
Sémillon

90%
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	27 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 pale golden yellow tinged with green. The well-developed minerally bouquet, with a hint of woodiness, develops aromas of citrus and white-fleshed fruit, with a hint of honey and almonds. On the palate, the attack is powerful and lively, with good structure and superb volume. This is a precise, complex wine with the lingering fruit aromas typical of great Sauvignons. The overall impression is of harmony, balance and great purity. A very seductive wine, characterized by its depth and highly individual expression of the Sauvignon grape.





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Press Release

Michel Bettane & Thierry Desseauve – Tast.pro - Septembre 2012

17 Pour le moment c'est l'excellence technique de la vinification qui domine, avec en particulier une grande fraîcheur et une pureté impeccable des parfums classiques du sauvignon bordelais, plus épicé que dans la Loire. Densité impressionnante de texture.

Olivier Poussier - Antoine Gerbelle - Olivier Poels – (RVF) : Les meilleurs vins de France - 2011

Note 16.5 : Le 2006 est élégant, fruité et droit.

Steven Spurrier - Decanter - July 2010

The Haute Couture Vintage - Spurrier's 2006 Shopping list : Malartic noted in his best-value wines (20 wines noted, Malartic's position : 9)

Score 17

Jancis Robinson - Jancis Robinson.com - Southwold - 27 January 2010

Score 17+: Only property to score highly for both its red and white. The best score of whites with Smith Haut Lafitte. Sharp, tight Sauvignon aromas. Very tight with good zesty fruit. A smoky coiled spring. Drink 2012-2027.

Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - February 2009

Score 94: An extraordinary effort, with notes of quince, mandarin orange, honeysuckle and wet rocks, this medium to full-bodied wine has fabulous purity, great depth, and a long, long finish. This is a 20-year wine.

Guide Gilbert&Gaillard - Edition 2010 - Septembre 2009

Note 94 : Robe jaune pâle. Nez net aux fins parfums d'agrumes très discrètement boisé. En bouche, une attaque puissante, relayée par une belle vivacité qui met en valeur le fruit. Un style toujours aussi pur.