



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2007

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

Vintage

After a rainy, cool spring, the summer continued with plenty of rain and mild, sometimes even cool temperatures; the splendid late summer weather was a real miracle, allowing us to harvest perfectly ripe grapes with dazzling sunshine.

With such challenging weather, the watch words for this vintage were vigilance and rigorous green work, with early leaf thinning and green harvest sometimes being repeated three times in the same plot in order to compensate for the uneven flowering.

The coolness of the spring and summer were very beneficial for the whites which are superb. The weather conditions enabled the aromas and flavours to be preserved and tastings have revealed an unprecedented level of quality.

Harvest period

Sauvignons from 6 to 14 september 2007
Sémillons 17 and 18 september 2007

Blend

Sauvignon 95%
Sémillon 5%



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

Tasting

Clear, bright golden yellow colour. The refined, distinguished bouquet is intense, developing pleasant aromas of white fruit, peaches and pears, and a hint of apricot. There is an impression of great complexity.

On the palate, the attack is vigorous and very rich, the mid-palate is lively, with the same white fruit aromas as the bouquet, complemented by notes of citrus and some hints of toasted almonds. Overall the wine is well-balanced and very concentrated: a sign of a great vintage.

There is great complexity, with a long, lingering mineral finish. Malartic-Lagravière Blanc 2007 is an exceptional vintage, it is rich, complex, intense and well-balanced.





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Press Release

Guide Dussert Gerber des vins 2014

Le 2007 est un vin aux notes finement fruitées, où dominent les agrumes et les petits fruits secs, tout en persistance aromatique.

Richard Hemming - Jancis Robinson.com - December 2013

17.5 *Grass and cream, lovely textural quality - just a little grainy (20% Sémillon responsible perhaps). Herbe et crème, belle qualité de texture - juste un peu granuleuse (20% Sémillon responsable peut-être). Smoky et de pierre à fusil sur la finition - des choses excellentes*

Neil Martin - eRobertParker.com - January 2011

92 *Tasted blind at the 2007 Bordeaux horizontal in Southwold. The Malartic-Lagravière Blanc 2007 has a lovely bouquet with pineapple, almond and a touch of guava, just a little oak to be subsumed. The palate is very well balanced on the entry, but it seems a little static and weighed down by the oak at the moment. Yet it has the fruit intensity to pull through in the long-term.*

Bernard Sirot - Dirk De Mesmaeker - Vignerons belges de Bordeaux - Décembre 2012

Robe : jolie robe jaune très brillante. Remarquable nez élégant, aux notes exquises de fleurs blanches, de pêche mûre et de melon. Attaque fraîche, florale, d'une complexité appréciée. Bouche harmonieuse, toute en finesse, et d'une longueur étonnante.

Conseil gastronomique : rougets barbet, sole ostendaise, noix de Saint Jacques beurre blanc et homard chaud.

Le Guide des Meilleurs vins de France 2012 - La Revue du Vin de France

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Southwold Tasting - Janvier 2011

16.38 *Grande « intensité » de saveurs sur un fond très « riche », « rond » et « plein », en structure « comme un grand Pinot Blanc d'Alsace ». Il est donc cette année plus sur la puissance que sur le fruit extrême.*

Robert Parker - April 2010

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James Suckling - Wine Spectator - March 31, 2010

92 *This young white's lovely lime and sliced papaya aromas lead to a full body, with lots of intense fruit flavors and a long, lively finish. Powerful. Wow. The best white ever from this producer.*

Stephen Brook - Decanter - February 2010

18.5 *** Decanter Award : "Stephen Brooks picks his stars..."** : *Ripe apricot nose, stylish oak. Good attack, powerful and concentrated, zesty and mineral. Superb potential.*

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - December 2010

Quoted among the Top 100 Cellar Selections (88ème position)

Score 94 : *It is easy to be seduced by the opulence of this wine. But underneath the ripe surface, there is a complex wine, full of tight, structured yellow fruits, spice from wood and acidity bursting to get out. It needs at least another four years for its real grandeur to be apparent.*

La Revue du Vin de France - Septembre 2010

Note 16.5 : *Un vin ouvert, avec une bouche ample, et un joli style dans la finesse. Très long, Malartic-Lagravière 2007 termine sur une note minérale.*