



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2008

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

Vintage

A surprising vintage! There was considerable concern after the cool, wet summer but a wonderful September completely reversed the situation. Due to the excellent conditions in the Malartic vineyard, the grapes were able to reach the desired levels of ripeness. The result was incredible densities, also due to the very low yields, which were another feature of the 2008 vintage.

The relatively cool August created ideal conditions for the white grapes, producing exceptional intensity, purity and density of flavours while at the same time maintaining the level of acidity required for balance and ageing that characterizes our white wines!

Harvest period

Sauvignons from 18 september to 3 october 2008
Sémillons from 23 september to 3 october 2008

Blend

Sauvignon 85%
Sémillon 15%



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 20hl/ha
Vinification Slow pressing and fermentation in barrels
Fermentation temperature 20-22°
Ageing On lees in traditional oak barrels: 55% new oak
Ageing period 11 months
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Clear, bright, pale yellow with beautiful hints of green. The nose is refined and elegant, but also complex and powerful, its character developing with aromas of white fruit, peaches and pears. The overall impression is of tremendous purity.

On the palate, the attack is sappy and racy, the mid-palate is lively, with the same aromas as the bouquet complemented by notes of citrus and passion fruit. There is great complexity, with a long, lingering finish. Malartic-Lagravière Blanc 2008 is typical of the vintage in that it offers liveliness combined with plenty of substance. Excellent potential for laying down.





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Press Release

Guide Dussert Gerber des vins 2014 - Septembre 2013

Beau 2008 aux arômes flatteurs d'agrumes, de tilleul, de genêt et de miel, est de bouche ample, florale, de jolie teinte, tout en fruité et distinction, avec cette finale poivrée très élégante, toujours l'un des meilleurs de l'appellation.

Le Guide des meilleurs vins de France 2013 - La Revue du Vin de France

17 *Guidé par une acidité fine, le blanc se montre complet, gras et volumineux.*

Jean-Marc Quarin - Tasting Hong Kong - Mai 2013

16.25 *Parfumé, soyeux en bouche, savoureux et charnu à la bonne finale sauvignonnée et séveuse.*

Gilbert & Gaillard International - Spring 2012

Our picks 94

Robert Parker - erobertparker.com - May 2011

92 *A stunning blend of 85% Sauvignon Blanc and 15% Semillon, this medium-bodied wine offers up hints of citrus oil, orange zest and honeyed grapefruit. It should drink well for a decade.*

James Suckling - December 2010

91 *Lemon sorbet and sliced green apples on the nose. Full body, with a chalky, lime and green apple palate. Dense and rich, with just a hint of cream. Drink now.*