



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2009

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

Vintage

The 2009 vintage benefited from excellent, if not perfect conditions! The winter and spring were dry and mild. Flowering was uniform and exceptionally fast with all varieties flowering in late May, resulting in a harmonious start of the ripening phase. Such a combination of positive factors - a prerequisite for the composition of refined, elegant tannins - (uniform Véraison, sunshine and warmth offset by cool nights, and perfect humidity) has not been seen for 30 years, particularly during the crucial months of August, September and early October!

Reinforced by the growing techniques practised since 1997 at the Château (sustainable farming, monitoring of the ripeness plot-by-plot, minimum use of treatment, etc...) the Malartic-Lagravière 2009, both Rouge and Blanc, have huge potential, and will undoubtedly develop over many glorious years.

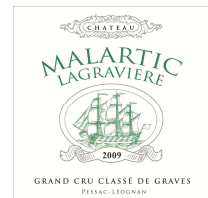
Harvest period

Sauvignons
Sémillons

From 7 to 12 september 2009
18 and 23 september 2009

Blend

Sauvignon 80 %
Sémillon 20 %



Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)	53 hectares
Area in red (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	31 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

The nose is very aromatic, with citrus, mango, ananas and orchard fruit, and subtle smoky notes. The soft, mellow palate is very rich and full-bodied, with a construction that is both complex and very elegant. The finish is long and expressive with a fine hint of minerality. The complex flavours and lively character of this wine suggest that it has a considerable potential to age.





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Press Release

Jean-Marc Quarin - jeanmarcquarin.com - Janvier 2014

16//90 Jaune pâle. Nez de fruits très mûrs. Bouche soyeuse, ample, généreuse, au toucher noble, s'achevant suave et finement boisée. Il est prêt à boire. 2013-2020.

Guide des meilleurs vins de France 2014 - La Revue du Vin de France

16.5 Avec une part plus importante de sémillon, le blanc 2009 se distingue par une onctuosité et des saveurs exotiques généreuses.

Ian D'Agata - Decanter - June 2013

17 (90) D'Agata's dream dozen. Fig, chamomile and oak notes. Verve and precision. Intensely Sauvignon, but richer than you'd expect. Drink 2013 – 2020.

Pierre Guigui - Gault&Millau - Octobre - Novembre 2012

Cité dans les 20 Pessac-Léognan à la dégustation - Les meilleurs rapports prix/plaisir.

18 Dans le style riche et généreux, c'est très réussi avec un équilibre entre tendresse et fine amertume (zeste d'agrumes). La résine, la menthe, la citronnelle et la mirabelle le prolongent.

Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - February 2012

95 A blend of 80% Sauvignon and 20% Semillon that hit 14% natural alcohol, this is serious wine boasting notes of lemon and lime marmalade intermixed with honeysuckle, a whiff of freshly cut grass and a waxy, melony character. Aromatically complex, this relatively big Malartic Lagravière should drink well for up to 20 or more years. A great wine! Drink 2012 - 2032.

Neal Martin - The Wine Journal - February 2012

92 Tasted at the Union des Grands Crus in London. This has a wonderful, almost Burgundy-like bouquet with very expressive mineralite. Crushed stone, a touch of apple-blossom and dried flowers with deftly integrated new oak. The palate is well balanced with a crisp entry, not quite as entrancing as the nose at this point, but the mineralite really comes through towards the tense finish. Excellent. Tasted October 2011.

James Molesworth - Wine Spectator - January 2012

91 Subtle toasted brioche and blanched almond notes hold a core of heather, white peach, and green plum at bay for now. This finish is long and suave, with nice buried cut. Should blossom with brief cellaring. Drink now through 2014. 1,250 cases made.

Christel Guibert & James Lawther - Decanter - February 2012

17 ** "Among the Top 2009 whites"** Discreet citrus apple nose with spiciness from the oak. Full and fat palate. Round pure long and vivacious. Drink 2012 - 2016