



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2010

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

Vintage

2010 was characterized by contrasting weather conditions. The winter was cold and dry, the spring alternated between sun and rain, while the summer was exceptionally dry (only 51 mm of rain in three months).

After a fine bud-break in early April, flowering took place in late May and early June, but struggled to finish, resulting in unevenness. Thinning and the subsequent weather were essential to correct or compensate for this lack of homogeneity (requiring three green harvests). As usual, September came to finish the task of ripening the grapes, with some rain at the beginning followed by exceptional sunshine and good temperatures that continued until 18 October. The harvests were calm and undisturbed. The weather conditions in 2010 enabled slow, optimal ripening of the white grapes, with good structure in terms of acidity and an exceptional density of flavours. 2010 should present optimal quality.

Harvest period

Sauvignon
Sémillon

from 07 September to 23 September 2010
21 and 22 September 2010



Blend

Sauvignon
Sémillon

85%
15%

Technical data

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| 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 | 32 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

Colour clear, bright yellow with slightly green glints.

Nose floral notes, citrus fruit, refined exotic aromas, white-skinned fruit, white pepper, minerality, lovely complexity and intensity.

Palate clean, direct attack, excellent volume, very lively in the mouth, intense fruit dominated by citrus and white fruit. Very pleasant overall impression; already complex, and with excellent balance, this wine promises to keep for a very long time.

(Tasting on 21.01.2014 by the Château's team: owners, cellar master, vineyard manager.)





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Press Release

James Suckling - jamesuckling.com - February 2013

94 *A white with lovely minerality and sliced lemon character. It's full and fresh with bright acidity and a long exciting finish. The wines keep getting better and better here. Drink or hold.*

Robert Parker - erobertparker.com - February 2013

93 *This full-bodied blend of 85% Sauvignon Blanc and 15% Semillon hit 14.5% natural alcohol. It is deep and rich, with loads of caramelized grapefruit, tropical fruit, subtle oak, wet stones and plenty of melons. Drink 2013 - 2035*

Neal Martin - erobertparker.com - February 2013

92 *This estate has been producing excellent white wines of late and the 2010 has a lot to offer. It is bestowed with a fragrant lime and passion fruit tinged bouquet with hints of melted wax. The palate is well balanced with crisp acidity, well-integrated oak and a lovely spice tinged finish that lingers long on the mouth. Very fine.*

Izak Litwar - greatbordeauxwines.com - Tasting at Château Gazin

Rocquencourt - September 2013

92 *White displayed splendid intensity on the nose with pineapple and lemon grass, great acidity on the palate. Very stylish wine with finesse and elegance. Well-deserved.*

Anthony Rose - anthonyrosewine.com - February 2013

92 *Attractive delicate smoky grapefruity aromas, tight and focused yet richly flavoured with mineral acidity and a subtle layering of oak bringing complexity to an intense, well-crafted dry white.*

James Molesworth - Wine Spectator - February 2013

90 *Ripe and lush, with lots of creamed yellow apple, melon and white peach flavors carried by an alluring, lightly toasted brioche note. This has the vintage's punch in the end, kept honest by a lively citrus accent. Drink now through 2014.*

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France - Le Guide des meilleurs vins de France 2014 - Septembre 2013

18 *On adore le subtilement mentholé blanc 2010. Il affiche une grande finesse de style et présente un caractère du sauvignon à juste maturité.*

Chris Kissack - thewinedoctor.com January 2013

17 Malartic-Lagravière white being the most notable. *Rather a restrained character here, with some honeyed and polished fruits nuanced with smoke, the overall effect understated but attractive. The palate has a good polished substance, and a mix of orchard fruits laced with citrus overtones, giving it a bright character imbued with richness and style. There is a good grip to it and most importantly it has a rather good frame as well, albeit with bitter elements to the grip. Nice acid backbone too. Very attractive.*