



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2011

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

Vintage

A winemaker's vintage in which dry conditions and early growth were the key factors. After a mild, wet winter, the spring was exceptionally dry until 15 July when welcome rain (50 mm) refreshed the vines. This year again the sustainable viticulture approach (full ploughing, no herbicides or insecticides) practised at the estate for more than ten years, enabled the vines to survive the water stress without any major damage.

The bud-break at the end of March and steady growth of the vines resulted in a superb flowering in mid May. To cope with the dry period at the end of the spring, leaves were removed on a parsimonious basis, and the early, substantial thinning was adapted to the root development of each vine in order to enable the grapes to continue to develop appropriately. The end of véraison, when the grapes turn colour, was around 10 August.

Canopy management operations, carried out in mid August, enabled the ripening of the red grapes to be regulated and refined.

The harvests were fairly early, and took place over a short, compact period in good conditions, with healthy, perfectly ripe grapes. The white grapes were harvested in numerous successive pickings from 23 August to 12 September, and the reds from 13 to 27 September.

Harvest period

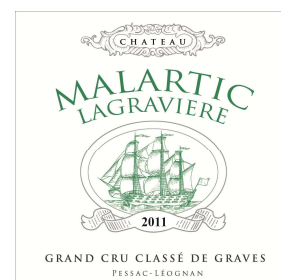
Sauvignon From 23 august to 07 september 2011
Sémillon 12 september 2011

Blend

Sauvignon 80%
Sémillon 20%

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 24 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 12 months
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis



Tasting

Superb complex, dense bouquet. Aromas of fruit: peaches, exotic fruit and white flowers. Also some smoky notes. Pleasant, very refined attack. The palate presents good volume, a full-bodied richness accompanied by well-defined flavors, developing citrus and mineral notes, with an invigorating liveliness. Long finish; a great wine with a generous, complex structure and excellent potential to age.





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Press Release

James Suckling - jamesuckling.com - February 2011

94 My 40 Top Bordeaux. This white feels almost like a red, with dense fruit, chewy texture and lots of phenolic character. Intense finish. Powerful young wine. Give it three to four years. Try in 2017.

Guide Bettane & Desseauve 2014 - Septembre 2013

17 Très harmonieux et parfaitement vinifié. Le nez est très mûr, fumé et épanoui, la bouche ample chaleureuse et extrêmement aromatique, avec une vivacité plutôt discrète.

Pierre Guigui - GaultMillau - Septembre 2013

17.5 Quelle très belle finesse, sans aucune marque de bois, mettant en avant la précision et le floral ! Un vin minéral, salin, cristallin même, qui frétille et sautille en bouche. Les fruits sont à chair blanche, juteux comme une poire.

Guide Hachette - Septembre 2013

****** Valeur sûre du cru. Son harmonie naît d'un bouquet complexe et séducteur, associant le grillé de l'élevage au citron et à des touches minérales, et d'un palais dans la même veine, ample et tonifié par une agréable nervosité qui souligne la longue finale. On l'appréciera sur des crustacés, sur une viande blanche, ou selon la suggestion d'un dégustateur, sur une tajine de poulet au citron confit.

Steven Spurrier - Decanter - Juin 2012

17.5**** Sauvignon-dominated fruit, total purity with ripeness, depth and natural acidity. 2013-2022.

James Molesworth - Wine Spectator - June 2012

91-94 Cité dans les Top Whites.

Bernard Burtschy - Welt am Sonntag - Mai 2012

Mit Potenzial.

92 - 94 Schöne Vielfalt entfaltet dieser reichhaltige, sanfte Wein mit seinen eleganten Eichenaromen. Sehr guter Sauvignon. **des Vins - Mai 2012**

16 - 17 Cité dans les meilleurs crus de 30 à 60€. Le classicisme reprend le dessus à Malartic avec un retour vers des blancs moins boisés, plus tendus et harmonieux. L'assemblage correspond à l'encépagement du vignoble (80 Braucht zwei bis drei Jahre, um sein grosses Potenzial auszudrücken).

Neal Martin - erobertparker.com - April 2012

89 - 91 The 2011 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc has a superb bouquet, with vigorous aromas of lime, kiwi fruit and dewy green apples. It has real intensity and great definition. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine balance, light white peach and a touch of spice and offering a pleasant, quite phenolic finish that just cuts away rather quickly. I believe this will show better after bottling. Tasted April 2012.