



June 2015

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2012

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

Vintage

A real winegrower's vintage, with particularly changeable, turbulent weather conditions, requiring extreme precision in the care of the vineyard!

Winter 2012 was dry with a very cold spell accompanied by some snow in February. The spring was rather cool; rainfall was average but frequent (except April with 169 mm). The summer was mainly hot and dry, with two periods of exceptionally high temperatures. September and October were characterized by damp weather.

This was a rather late vintage. Both the flowering in mid-May and the start of ripening in mid-August were slow and somewhat uneven (with some flower abortion and irregular grape size). The sustainable management approach that has been in place in the vineyard for ten years enabled us to compensate for the delayed ripening with ploughing, some light leaf removal at the end of July, and three green harvests to adjust the unevenness between bunches. The white grapes underwent numerous selections on the vine. This constant work enabled us to reach the harvest with the grapes in perfect health, despite the fact that the threat of disease was particularly high this year.

Both the Sauvignon and the Sémillon were of excellent quality. They are aromatic, with a beautiful smoothness and intensity.

Harvest period

Sauvignon From 6 to 24 september 2012
Sémillon From 24 september to 3 october 2012

Blend

Sauvignon 75%
Sémillon 25%

Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.) 53 hectares
Area in white (A.O.C.) 7 hectares
Geology 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 36 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
Degrees 13.5% vol
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland





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Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2012 Press Release

Robert Parker - erobertparker.com - April 2015

93 This brilliantly run estate of the Bonnie family has 17 acres dedicated to white varietals. Traditionally, Sauvignon Blanc has dominated in these wines, but I'm not sure what the blend is for 2012. It is a beautifully perfumed Malartic featuring honeyed and caramelized citrus as well as honeysuckle in a medium-bodied, wonderfully fresh, lively style with terrific fruit and intensity. Drink it over the next 20+ years.

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - September 2014

95 This dense, wood-aged wine brings richness, intense fruit and acidity together in one bottle. It's a serious, complex and concentrated wine for aging, so drink from 2018. Multiple U.S. importers.

James Molesworth - Wine Spectator - December 2014

90 Offers a creamy, flattering feel, with melon, sweetened butter and straw notes, inlaid with flickers of fleur de sel and white asparagus, keeping this honest through the finish. Delivers a lingering stony echo. Drink now through 2015. 1,500 cases made.

Alain Chameyrat et Véronique Raisin - Terre de Vins - Novembre 2014

16.5 Joli nez floral et finement citronné, allonge aromatique et vigoureuse, bonne dimension, du nerf, savoureux.

Guide Bettane & Desseauve 2015 - Septembre 2014

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Guide Hachette 2015 - Septembre 2014

* Ce vin se montre fort puissant par son expression aromatique associant de subtils parfums floraux et fruités à des notes douces de pâtisserie. Vif et alerte, tout en étant souple et soyeux, de bonne longueur, le palais évolue dans le même registre élégant et délicat. 2015 - 2020.

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France - Meilleurs vins de France 2015 - Septembre 2014

16 Beau gras en attaque de bouche, de l'ampleur et de la générosité en finale dans un style plutôt mûr et généreux pour le blanc 2012.

Stephen Brook - Decanter - July 2014

16.5 - (91) - Note moyenne **17.5 (91)**

Antony Howard - Decanter - July 2014

17.25

Steven Spurrier - Decanter - July 2014

18.5

Highly recommended - Muted apple and lime nose. A beautifully poised wine with excellent concentration and layers of fruit that combine with high-quality oak, giving a long, lingering finish. Drink 2015 - 2020



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Gilbert & Gaillard International - Summer 2013

92-94 *Refined, pure floral-fruity nose. Rich, full and expressive palate with entwined aromas of fresh grape, lime and citrus fruits. Very harmonious and compelling across the palate.*

Rolf Bichsel & Barbara Schroeder - Vinum - Juillet - Août 2013

16 *De la fraîcheur et du caractère, une acidité présente et une finale minérale aux notes fruitées et de fines herbes. Il peut encore mûrir un peu.*

Pierre Guigui - GaultMillau - Mai 2013

17 *Très difficile à juger ce vin en retenue, en discrétion qui ne joue pas les gros bras mais plutôt la salinité et la douceur et tout en faisant preuve d'une belle longueur en bouche. Tilleul, amande, fruits secs puis une fine amertume viennent compléter un ensemble qui s harmonise dans un très bel équilibre.*

Jeff Leve - thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2013

91 - 93 *Citrus peel, stone, grapefruit and honeysuckle scents, fleshy, concentrated, ripe and refreshing, the wine ends with sweet Meyer lemons and a hint of pineapple.*

Neal Martin - erobertparker.com - May 2013

93 - 95 *Now, this is a bouquet that really means business – lovely mineral-like scents, cold granite and Alpine streams with crisp green fruit that just soars from the glass. The palate is vibrant on the entry with well-judged acidity, lovely ripe green apples and hints of nectarine and apricot lying in wait in the background with a long satisfying citric finish. This is a great white wine from the Bonnie family – a startling white Bordeaux that reminds you how great it can be. Tasted April 2013.*