



Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2013

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

Vintage

A late, demanding vintage, in which the adaptation of growing practices enabled us to reach the harvests with fine, healthy grapes.

Despite a cool, overcast, historically wet spring, flowering went well and was uniform, if somewhat late.

Fortunately, we had one of the best summers of recent years. July and August were splendid, with high temperatures and not much rain. These two months allowed the vines to catch up a little, but the start of ripening, although fast and fairly uniform, was still fifteen days later than a classic vintage. The end of August and early September saw two rounds of leaf removal and some green harvesting. (for the red)

The white grape harvest started on 26 September, and was followed, most unusually, by the first Merlot just two days later! The Sauvignons have produced excellent results. A larger team of pickers this year (nearly 100 in total) increased our flexibility. The result is exceptionally pure, flavourful wines.

The white wines are very fragrant. There is definite acidity, but this is balanced by excellent volume on the palate. A fleshy wine.

Harvest period

Sauvignon From 26 september to 4 october 2013
Sémillon 30 september 2013

Blend

Sauvignon 90 %
Sémillon 10 %

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 age of the vineyard 30 years old
Average yield 25 hl/ha

Harvest Handpicking - 2 Successive sorting - Sustainable farming
Vinification Slow pressing, cold stabilization and fermentation in barrels
Fermentation temperature 20-22°

Ageing On lees with bâtonnage in traditional French oak barrels,
New oak 55%
Ageing period 12 months

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Press Release

Robert Parker - erobertparker.com - August 2014

92 - 94 A fabulous white wine from Malartic's 17.5 acres of white grapes, this blend of 90% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Semillon hit 13.5% natural alcohol. It offers plenty of fresh fig, honeysuckle and orange blossom notes in a dense, concentrated, rich style. The wine's beautiful acidity and fragrance confirm that this was **one of the finest white wines produced in Bordeaux in 2013**. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - September 2014

94 Barrel Sample. Warm, ripe and rich, this is a wine with weight, complexity and bright acidity. It's a rounded wine, with some strong wood flavors and a creamy texture that carries through to the finish.

Rolf Bichsel & Barbara Schroeder - Vinum - Juillet - Août 2014

16 Joli nez de groseilles à maquereau et d'acacia, bien construit en bouche, équilibré, précis, fondant et savoureux, à déguster jeune. Ravissant.

James Suckling - jamesuckling.com - April 2014

94 - 95 A fresh, multi-dimensional young white with sliced-lime, mineral, basil and lemon character. Full-bodied but bright and agile. Wonderful intensity. One of the best whites ever from here.

Ian d'Agata - International Wine Cellar Tanzer - Mai 2014

91 - 94 Bright straw. Knockout deep nose hints at white stone fruits, grapefruit, orange marmalade, fresh herbs and minerals. Very rich, ripe and suave, boasting outstanding density and precision to the multilayered white stone fruit, citrus and aromatic herb flavors. Finishes long and nuanced, with a lingering minty pepperiness. This potentially outstanding wine is **one of the year's best dry whites** and one of the deepest and most complex young Malartic-Lagravières in memory.

Jeff Leve - thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2014

91 - 93 Fresh, lively citrus rind and zippy acidity make this wine come alive, while the crisp lemon waw finish carries throughout.

Richard Hemming - jancisrobinson.com - May 2014

17 Ripe citrus, vanilla essence and light hickory smoke. More substance than you'd expect on the palate. Lovely grapefruit and pineapple-juice flavour - almost a bit sweet. Drink 2015-2020

Steven Spurrier - decanter.com - April 2014

17 - 90 Pale lemon-yellow, finely expressed Sauvignon fruit, a little Semillon to add weight, floraliy and length. Drink : 2015 - 2020

Corney & Barrow - corneybarrow.com - April 2014

16 - 16.5 A blend of 90% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Semillon this is a youthful green gold in colour. The nose and palate reveal lychee, stone fruit, Asian pear and green apples refreshed by citrus notes and hints of pastry cream and shortcake - good. Recommended drinking: 2016 - 2020

Matthews Jukes - matthewsjuke.com - April 2014

17 A markedly different style to many of the wines in this vintage with mineral notes and lemony, powder-puff fruit. No bad impact right now but it will develop nicely. Sauvignon-marked with nice raspy acidity.

Jacques Perrin - le blog de Jacques Perrin - Mai 2014

90 - 92 Château Malartic-Lagravière cité dans les grands vins.



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Philippe Maurange - La Revue du Vin de France - Avril 2014

15.5 - 16.5 Noté parmi 5 Pessac-Léognan (avec Smith Haut Lafitte blanc, Les Carmes Haut Brion rouge, Latour Martillac rouge, Pape Clément rouge) que Philippe Maurange conseille d'acheter en priorité. L'expression d'un magnifique sauvignon, sans notes variétales, au boisé parfait. A 90% sauvignon et 10% sémillon, c'est l'un des plus généreux blancs dégustés. Bien que plus arrondi que d'habitude. Son équilibre et sa suavité le rendent atypique.

Michel Bettane - Thierry Desseauve - Avril 2014

90 - 16 Beau raisin mûr, mais l'échantillon montre que le vin n'est pas encore pleinement stabilisé. Il doit encore digérer la mémoire du sucre initial. Mais grande matière évidente.

Jean-Marc Quarin - jeanmarcquarin.com - Mai 2014

15,75 Note plaisir 15.5 Couleur pâle. Nez délicat, fruité, fin et réglissé. Bouche grasse, fraîche, très fruitée évoluant savoureuse dans une finale élancée. Bonne longueur séveuse. 2016-2025

Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche - www.vertdevin.com

93 Un vin fruité, intense et équilibré. Le nez offre de jolies notes fruitées notamment sur le pamplemousse rose et les nectarines. La bouche est ample, fraîche et fruitée. On y trouve des arômes d'agrumes, de pêche et de poire associés à de petites notes de brioche. La finale est longue. Un vin très agréable.

James Molesworth - April 2014

89 - 92 Stony edges frame a core of green almond, quinine and melon rind, followed by a light hint of brioche through the finish. This should be flattering in style when it rounds out fully.

Ben Kennedy - www.thedrinksbusiness.com - April 2014

Malartic Lagravière is full of citrus, with lemon and lime, clementine and grapefruit, and a fresh zesty finish.