



February 2018

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2014

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

Vintage

Spring 2014 was pleasant with fairly good, uniform flowering at Malartic. July was fine, but August, which was initially wet and hot, and then very cool, caused a significant threat of mildew and then outbreaks of Botrytis on the white grapes at the end of the month.

Fortunately, on 27 August, a period of superb weather arrived that was to continue throughout the harvests. Decisions were fast and well-managed thanks to a reinforced team that worked hard throughout the growth cycle to compensate for these special conditions (meticulous removal of unwanted shoots and regular trimming; several rounds of leaf stripping; green harvests). Ripeness progressed exponentially, enabling us to harvest very concentrated grapes that produced powerful, aromatic musts, enlivened by very good levels of acidity.

The white grapes benefited from the cool August, which helped to preserve their flavours and acidity. As a result they are absolutely superb: intense, elegant and very aromatic, with good acidity. (pH 3.10/3.15)

This vintage offers amazing precision and great quality, largely due to the superb Indian summer, and enhanced by our growing techniques and management of the terroir.

Harvest period

Sauvignon From 10 to 24 september 2014
Sémillon 25-26 september 2014

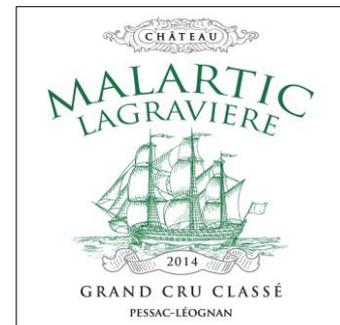
Blend

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 31 years old

Average yield 36 hl/ha
Degree 14% vol
Harvest Handpicking - 2 Successive sorting - Sustainable farming - and High Value Environmental certification*
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 60%
Ageing period 12 months
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland



*(HVE, level 3 (the highest) since 2015. A unique reference of environmental quality, prioritizing biodiversity inside and all around plots.)



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Press Release

Neal Martin - robertparker.com - Mars 2017

94 The 2014 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc fulfils its potential that it showed in barrel. It has a well-defined and mineral-driven bouquet with light granitic aromas, a touch of sunflower seed and citrus peel. The palate is very well balanced with beautiful citrus fruit laced with nectarine, white peach and apricot. It feels very harmonious in the mouth, long and persistent, the aftertaste delivering a dash of spice that will put a smile on your face and leave you reaching for another sip of this excellent Pessac-Léognan Blanc.

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - March 2017

96 A tightly coiled rich wine that has great acidity as well as a lively structure. Touched by spice from wood aging as well as intense citrus, it is fruity, firm and strongly textured. Drink this impressive still-young wine from 2022

James Suckling - jamesuckling.com - February 2017

95 This is really impressive with complex aromas of cream, apples, pears and stones that follow through to a full body, ripe fruit and an intense, zesty aftertaste. Drink now or hold.

Antonio Galloni - Vinous - February 2017

91 The 2014 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc is a dense, powerful wine endowed with serious depth. Green apple, pear and lemon peel give the wine its citrus and floral-inflected notes, but the 2014 has a real sense of gravitas and palate weight that is typical of so many whites in this vintage. The blend is 90 % Sauvignon Blanc and 10 % Sémillon. Tasted two times.

James Molesworth - Wine Spectator - February 2017

90 Juicy and friendly in feel, with lemon gelée, star fruit, white peach and honeysuckle notes that pick up a zing of white ginger through the finish. Lots of fun. Drink now through 2019.

Philippe Maurange - La Revue du Vins de France (magazine) - Septembre 2017

16.5 Doté d'une bouche ample, avec une belle maturité de raisin, il affiche des notes de fruits jaunes et termine sur une finale dynamique.

Jeff Leve - thewinecellarinsider.com - February 2017

94 Lots of depth, freshness, juicy, ripe, yellow citrus, grapefruit, vanilla bean, flowers, spice and honey going on here. All that ripe, juicy, fruit, balances quite nicely with the acidity that shines through from start to finish.

Gilbert & Gaillard - Juin 2017

94 Robe or limpide. Nez aérien, bouquet de fruits exotiques, d'agrumes sur fond floral fumé. Bouche d'une grande douceur, d'un équilibre soyeux très naturel, très dense, qui le plaisir bien au-delà de la finale. Des qualités de matière, de chair.

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - January 2017

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Guide Bettane & Desseauve 2017

17 De beaux arômes élégants, expressifs, une belle densité et de la vivacité pour le magnifique blanc 2014, riche et énergique.



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Revue de Presse

Rolf Bichsel & Barbara Schroeder - Vinum - Juillet - Août 2015

17 Nous avons dégusté un échantillon avec beaucoup de notes de levure, donnant une légère amertume pas désagréable: mais il offre une telle fraîcheur, une telle transparence aromatique et un tel potentiel que nous lui faisons confiance

Michael Schuster - The World of Fine Wine - June 2015

16 - 16.5+ Full-bodied, rich, ample, generous white ; very ripe fruit, concentrated in matter, fleshy, vigorous, powerful; dry, but with high alcohol giving a certain sweetness of flavor, too, long and satisfying and complete in its particular weighty style. To drink young, but would probably develop more subtlety over a decade. 2016-24.