



Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2018

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

Vintage

A year in two parts, resulting in a great vintage. Awesome!

The year was characterized by two contrasting periods of weather. Spring was particularly wet and warm, with record rainfall that caused major concern for the vines' health but, very satisfactorily contained. After a very **nice flowering** at the end of May - beginning of June, conditions changed dramatically in early July. The summer is sunny and warm with a few storms in August that brought some freshness. The **late season is spectacular**. Until the end of the Harvest mid-October, **perfect ripeness conditions** for the Merlot and Cabernet enabled them to develop refined tannins while preserving their flavours and aromas.

The wines had all the characteristics of a **great vintage**. 2018 was a very hot year, but this had relatively little effect on the aromatic profile of the white wines. They have superb balance, tremendous freshness, and a **distinguished, elegant character**. The reds are **beautifully crafted**. The Merlot offers a sublime mid-palate, with a silkiness and density that are rarely achieved. The Cabernet is **spectacular**, with exceptional aromatic profiles and levels of quality. The Petit-Verdets, co-fermented with the merlots, are particularly silky. This superb 2018 vintage comes after more than 20 years of environmentally-friendly practices at Malartic, continually striving for the best possible quality. The vineyard's maturity is now giving its full expression, enabling us to obtain remarkable precision on the palate and incredibly well-defined tannins.

Harvest period

Sauvignon	from September, 10 th to 19 th 2018
Sémillon	from September, 20 th to 24 th 2018

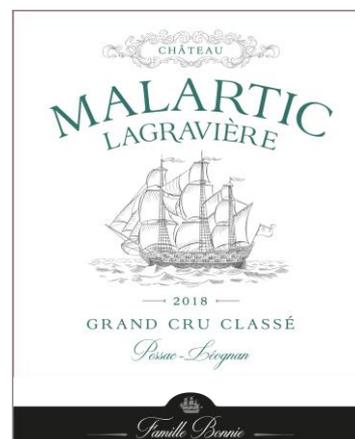
Blend

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% - Semillon 20%
Density of plantation	10 000 plants / ha
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average age of the vineyard	32 years old
Average yield	36 hl/ha
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	55%
Ageing period	In progress
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland



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



June 2018

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Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc 2018

winespectator.com – James Molesworth – 2018 Bordeaux Barrel Tastings: Top Dry Whites - March 2019

90-93 This white offers a racy edge, but there are fuller yellow apple and shortbread notes encased here and they should emerge fully soon enough. Pretty solid feel.

Wine Mag – Roger Voss – The 2018 Bordeaux Vintage: The Judgment - April 2019

95-97 Barrel Sample. This wine is full of ripe lemon and yellow fruits. A hint of wood aging gives great texture along with bits of spice and pepper. The wine is ripe, packed with fruit while also being firmly structured.

Jamessuckling.com – James Suckling – BORDEAUX 2018: AN EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGE - March 2019

95-96 A very dense and powerful young white with sliced-apple, pear and aniseed character and an undertone of fennel. Full-bodied. Salty and tangy. Great wine.

Yvesbeck.wine – Yves Beck - March 2019

92-93 Bouquet de bonne intensité avec une touche fumée, des agrumes et de la menthe. Attaque dense et vive en bouche. Malartic Lagravière a de la structure, de l'aromatique ainsi que de la race en fin de bouche. Finale fruitée persistante qui cumule maturité et fraîcheur. 2022-2033

Quarin.com – Jean-Marc Quarin - March 2019 **15,5**

Jonathan Choukroun Chicheportiche- BORDEAUX EN PRIMEURS 2018 - avril 2019

95 Le nez est frais, minérale et offre une bonne structure et de l'intensité. On y retrouve des notes de fleurs blanches, de citron frais et plus légèrement de pêche de vigne associées à des touches de graves fraîches/minéralité (terroir) ainsi qu'à une très discrète pointe de yuzu. La bouche est fraîche, fruitée, équilibrée et offre une bonne définition, de la suavité, une jolie tension, de la droiture, de l'équilibre, une jolie gourmandise ainsi qu'une fine trame acidulée. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de citron mûr, de mandarine mûre et plus légèrement de pomme Granny Smith associées à des touches de quénette, de pêche de vigne écrasée ainsi qu'à une touche de litchi et de fleur. Bonne longueur. Un joli vin avec une jolie finesse du grain et une jolie gourmandise.

Jancisrobinson.com – Julia Harding- BORDEAUX 2018 - DRY WHITES- avril 2019

15,5 Strong aroma of fermentation, almost hoppy and definitely herbal. Leesy on the palate, slightly odd but certainly interesting if just a little sour on the finish. (JH) 13.5%
Drink 2021-2026

The Wine Doctor – Chris Kissack- - avril 2019

91-93 A blend led by Sauvignon Blanc, at 90% of the total, with 10% Semillon, picked at a yield of 35 hl/ha, and the alcohol is 13.5%. A rather sweet, plush, oak-framed nose carrying a paradox of sweetly dried white peach substance and also a few lightly greener notes, like peach leaf. The palate is just brimming with vanillin bourbonesque oak, such that it even has a tannic grip. Despite this it still feels soft, toasted, oaky, rather stolid in style, with a fair acid profile for this vintage. It has length, but it is all grip, and the oaky tannin and other phenolics are what dominate in the finish. A good result taking into account the difficulties for this vintage in white. The élevage will be in 55% new oak and 45% second-fill oak, with bâtonnage.



June 2018

Matthewjukes.com – Matthew Jukes - avril 2019

17,5+ A stunning wine with a long, smooth, billowing palate and amazingly clean acidity on the finish. This is one of the successes of the vintage.

Thewinecellarinsider.com – Jeff Leve - avril 2019

93 Crisp, stony, yellow citrus, lemon curd, vanilla and green apple are on the nose and in the palate. The wine has cut, definition and a mineral essence. You'll find juice, sweetness and refreshment with a core of ripe citrus in the finish. The wine is made from a blend of 90% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Semillon, reaching 13.5% alcohol and will be aged in 55% new, French oak barrels.

robertparker.com – Lisa Perrotti-Brown - avril 2019

91-93 Fermented in 55% new barrels and blended of 90% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Sémillon, the 2018 Malartic Lagraviere 2018 Blanc is a little closed to start, soon opening on the nose to reveal ripe apples, Bosc pears and warm peach scents with hints of wet pebbles and freshly baked bread. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with apple and pear flavors with just enough freshness and an oily texture, finishing long and spicy.

Decanter.com – Jane Anson - avril 2019

92 There's great focus on the nose here, with scents of lemon, slate, white peach and rosemary. It's definitely one of the whites with a higher level of freshness, and feels well made and carefully judged. They have achieved success in both colours in 2018, especially with the red. 55% new oak.
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RVF – avril 2018

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Markus Del Monego - avril 2019

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Weinwisser - avril 2019

17+

Mybettanedesseauve - - avril 2019

91 Riche nez très fruité et mûr, notes de pain d'épices et de grillé, bouche très chaleureuse, volumineuse, avec des arômes persistants et heureusement une pointe d'amertume équilibrante en finale.

Jebdunnuck.com – Jeb Dunnuck - May 2019

92-94 The 2018 Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc comes from a 7-hectare section of Malartic's vineyards which are planted at 10,000 vines per hectare (this is very high-density plantings). A blend of 90% Sauvignon and 10% Sémillon, it has a thrilling mineral-laced style as well as racy citrus and lime fruit, medium to full body, high yet integrated acidity, and a crisp, clean, dry finish.

vinous.com – Antonio Galloni - May 2019

One of the few compelling whites of the vintage, the 2018 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc offers an intriguing combination of energy and textural depth. Green apple, pear, crushed rocks, citrus and floral notes build in an expressive white that has so much to offer. In 2018, the Blanc is 90% Sauvignon Blanc and 10% Sémillon.