December 2022

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2019

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

Vintage

A vintage with all the characteristics of the great years
The vintage's freshness and balance are combined with dazzling fruit and a velvety texture.

This vintage was characterized by rather extreme weather conditions. The spring was particularly wet, but a window of clement weather at the end of May-early June enabled **good flowering**. July brought **two heatwaves**, in both cases followed by some **beneficial rain**. The summer was sunny with a classic Bordeaux August. **A superb late season** enabled the Cabernets' tannins to continue to ripen and reach optimal maturity.

The **white wines present exceptional quality**. The cool August produced superbly balanced grapes, highlighting their aromatic profiles. **The grandiose reds** have two phases of maturity**: the Merlots,** with the dry and warm June and July, are **fleshy, round and aromatic.** After the rains at the end of September, the **Cabernets** finish refining their tannins, preserving the freshness and thus offering **extraordinary complexity, sap and silkiness.**

There was a **significant turning point** in the work at Malartic this year. From the harvest dates to the ageing of the wines, everything was done to preserve, more than ever, the distinctive character of each micro terroir, the brilliance of the grapes and their different flavours. In the winery, this range was expressed with **delicacy and precision** through an extremely rigorous selection at the presses and early blending.

The freshness and the balance of this vintage combine with the brilliance of the fruit and velvety texture, with a ample yet complex tannic structure, reflecting the **true signature of Malartic's terroir**.

Harvest period

Sauvignon	September, 4th to 13th 2019
Sémillon	September, 16th 2019

Blend

Sauvignon	76.1 %
Sémillon	23.9 %

Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)	73 hectares
Area in white (A.O.C.)	9 hectares
Geology	Quaternary Günzian well-drained gravels and clay gravels
Grape varieties	Sauvignon 83% - Semillon 17%
Density of plantation	10 000 plants / ha
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average age of the vineyard	27 years old
Average yield	47 hl/ha
Harvest	Manual harvest by successive passes
	Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification*, ISO 14001 (EMS)
Vinification	Inerted slow pressing, fermentation in oak barrels
Ageing	On lees, bâtonnage in French oak barrels – 55% new oak
Ageing period	14 months
Degree	13,5 %
Oenologist Consultants	Eric Boissenot

**(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

Jamessuckling.com – James Suckling – Top 100 Wines of France 2022 - Décember 2022
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32 sur 100
Aromas of grilled pineapple, clove, lemon peel, lime pith and green mango. White pepper, crushed stones and some cedar, too. It's medium-to full-bodied with bright acidity. Layered and very long. Serious white. Needs time to open and show more Exceptional form here. Drink from 2023.

WineEnthusiast.com – Roger Voss – May 2022
95 This wine is ripe with layers of intense white fruits and a structure that will let it age. The balance between fruit and wood aging is just right, giving a spicy edge and delicious acidity. Drink from 2024.

Jebdunnuck.com – Jeb Dunnuck – Bordeaux 2019 from bottle – April 2022
94 The 2019 Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc is rock-solid, with lots of honeyed grapefruit, pineapple, and lime aromatics as well as a medium-bodied, vibrant, incredibly pure, precise, and elegant style on the palate. This is age-worthy Bordeaux Blanc. Give bottles 2-3 years and it should keep for over a decade.

Alexandrema.com – Alexandre Ma – March 2022
96 Unlike the vintage of 2018 with stunning opulence, Malartic Lagraviere 2019 is more restrained and more translucent. It features the fragrance of grapefruit peel and fennel's freshness on the nose, coupled with a sense of profundity behind the politeness. Once it touches your palate, you will be captivated by a wave of mineral notes, and it is powerful enough to penetrate your heart and take you to soar above the sky.

thewinecellarinsider.com – Jeff Leve – March 2022
94 The white peach, honeysuckle, lemon rind, green apple and pears on the nose are just perfect. On the palate, the wine hits that hard to accomplish feat of being equally fresh and creamy with a sweetness to all the ripe citrus and spice in the finish. Drink from 2022-2032

Decanter.com – Georgina Hindle – January 2022
95 Apple, elderflower, white peach and apricot. Smooth and bright, this has finesse and class with real linearity and direction. I like the texture and mouthfeel - big enough to be quite a structured and round wine but with lightness and freshness too. This has real focus, perhaps not so layered and expressive at this point, but such an excellent drive of lemon and lime fruit and some bitter grapefruit edges too, that give spice and definition. Confident and poised. Great winemaking. Drinking Window 2027 – 2040

Vinous.com – Antonio Galloni – February 2022
94 The 2019 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc is a super distinctive white that deftly balances fruit richness with energy, all in the weightless, transparent style that is such a signature here. Orchard fruit, flowers, mint and white pepper pulse with notable energy. The 2019 Blanc is absolutely gorgeous and well worth seeking out. I loved it.

Quarin.com – Jean-Marc Quarin – Juillet 2022
16.75 // 93
Couleur sombre, intense et pourpre. Beau nez très aromatique, fin, fruité, pur et subtil. Moelleux en entrée de bouche, très savoureux au milieu, très aromatique, le vin évolue juteux en caressant le palais, vers une finale à la tannicité un brin apparente. Elle se fondra avec l'âge. Longueur normale.

Vinous.com – Neal Martin – February 2022
92 The 2019 Malartic Lagravière Blanc has a taut, fresh nose of Granny Smith apples, kiwi fruit and touches of white peach that emerge with aeration. The palate is fresh and vibrant on the entry, displaying good weight and delineation and a nice sour lemon note underlying the concentration. The almost clinical finish conveys superb tension. This will drink very well for the next 15–20 years.

Bmybordeaux.com – Christer Byklum – 2019 Pessac-Léognan from bottle
92 Watery lemon yellow. Apples, peach, pears, lighter nose, fruit driven. Fresh acidity, apples, nuanced, refreshing, apples, citrus, long finish.

Thewinedoctor.com - Chris Kissack – March 2022
91 The Bonnie family have produced a wine featuring 76.1% Sauvignon Blanc and 23.9% Semillon, from 9 hectares of white vines. It opens with plenty of smoky and pithy interest, freshened by scents of lemon peel, white peach and mint. There follows a fresh palate, bright and pure, with threads of mint and sage mirroring the freshness of the nose, with a polished substance, a lovely energy, a fresh bite, and modest acidity. All in all this has a charming style, with the potential to evolve for a few years in bottle.

Weinzeitung - Hans Martin Gesellmann – Mars 2022
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Winespectator – James Molesworth – March 2022
89 Fresh and breezy, with lemon pith, verbena and savory notes leading the way, followed by a zing of fleur de sel on the finish. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon. Drink now through 2023. 1,850 cases made. — JM

Janeanson.com – Jane Anson - 2019 In Bottle: Pessac-Léognan and Graves – January 2022
94 Strikes a balance between flint and creamy stone fruits, with pulses of fennel that add just the right amount of bitterness. Great momentum through the palate, this is really an excellent wine full of life and vivacity, feels skilful and makes you want to go back for more. Harvest September 4 to 16.

Vvwine.ch – Adrian Van Velsen – Arrivée Bordeaux 2019 – Janvier 2022
93 (13,5%. Dégusté à Windisch en décembre 2021) Nez expressif, montre des fruits exotiques, fleur de tilleul, mélisse, pomme verte. Ferme, dense, concentré et pourtant très élégant en bouche, ici puissance, maturité et opulence se rencontrent finesse, le vin est salé, caillouteux et a une belle longueur en finale, des finales salées

YvesBeck.wine – Yves Beck – Bordeaux 2019 en bouteille – Décembre 2021
93 Bonne intensité olfactive, tant florale que fruitée. Le vin a de l'ampleur et de la fraîcheur et affiche une bonne expression aromatique, dès l'attaque. Finale juteuse, fruitée et persistante. 2022-2032

jancisrobinson.com - Julia Harding MW & Jancis Robinson - UGC 2019s in bottlle, whites – Décember 2021
15.5 76,1% Sauvignon, 23,9% Sémillon. Peachy citrus and woody too, more cedar than oak. That cedar/herbal flavour on the palate as well. A bit clenched, certainly fresh but not a lot of depth in the middel. (JH) 13,5%. Drink 2023 - 2026

Vinum : World of Bordeaux - Trockene Weisse aus Pessac-Léognan – Rolf Bichsel - September 2021
18 Auch der Weisswein notiert eine Klasse besser als "en primeur": von grosser Mineralitat, Dichte und Rasse, zarte Bitternote im langen Ausklang; Klasse! 2027-2040

XL-vins.fr – Xavier Lacombe – Octobre 2020
96-97 Très joli bouquet, fin et floral qui se retrouve ponctué par des notes d'agrumes, de citrons, et une légère pointe iodée qui élève le vin, le rendant fin et vif. En bouche une matière à la fois riche et empreinte de finesse s'exprime, une belle acidité venant trancher la matière d'une vive et nette manière. La finale est très complexe avec des notes vanillées, légèrement torréfiées, et qui prennent de la dimension en toute fin de bouche. Un vin vraiment très élégant qui va se démarquer dans le temps en affirmant toute sa subtilité et sa sensualité.

Wine-chronicles.com – Panos Kakaviatos – 2019 From the barrel – September 2020
93-95 A very fine white indeed, combining veritable elegance with orange rind freshness delivered with mid-palate opulence. The finish is long and smooth. Starting from the 2019 vintage, vinification consultancy has been handed to Eric Boissenot, who is bringing more elegance to the wine. And, another bargain alert, for super fine dry white Bordeaux, at under €40 in Europe. 93-95 Crus et Domaines de France tasting.

1000Plateaux.com – Jacques Perrin – Août 2020
93 Nez diversifié. Corps d'une belle amplitude, ascendant, on sent ici un raisin mûr et très jolie finale.

Vvwine.ch – Adrian Vanvelsen – Primeurs 2019 – Juillet 2020
92-94 Nez ouvert, complexe, profond, caillouteux, avec des fruits et des épices mûrs et exotiques, plus de la mélisse. Opulent en bouche, très volumineux, mais pas maladroit, il a dû tirant et de la densité, de la fraîcheur et une finale juteuse. 2021-2028. 92-94 points (dégusté le 22 juin dans le cadre de l'essai UGCB à Zurich)

WineEnthusiast.com – Roger Voss – June 2020
95-97 This is a luscious wine, following in the tradition of impressive white wines from this estate. There is an inspired fruitiness and balance between citrus and quince flavors, with just a hint of spice from the wood aging. Expect some fine aging.

LeFigaro.fr – Jean-Christophe Marmara – Juin 2020
18 Beaucoup de charme dans ce vin éclatant, ample, complexe, qui montre déjà un bel équilibre entre richesse et tension. 39,20 €.

La RVI – Vladimir Kauffmann – Juin 2020
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Markus Del Monego – June 2020
96 Bright yellow colour with green hue. Very noble nose with aromatic persistence, juicy peaches and dried apricots, hints of wisteria and jasmine in the background. Subtle oak and discreet spiciness add complexity. On the palate excellent structure with crisp acidity, and great tension, aromatic depth with juicy citrus fruit and ripe peaches lingering in the aftertaste. An extraordinary wine with real class.

WineAdvocate.com – Lisa Perrotti Brown – June 2020
92-94+ Composed of 76.1% Sauvignon Blanc and 23.9% Semillon, the 2019 Blanc was harvested from the 4th of September to the 16th of September. It is aging on the lees in French oak barrels, 55% new, for an anticipated 12-14 months. It comes skipping out of the glass with vivacious, cheery scents of white grapefruit, lime leaves and orange blossoms with wafts of white peaches, coriander seed and beeswax. Medium to full-bodied, I LOVE the intensity and texture on the palate, with an electric line of freshness and loads of citrus and mineral layers paving the finish.

Anthocyanes – Yohan Castaing – Juin 2020
91-93 Fraicheur et délicatesse du fruit, des notes de menthol, de fruits frais. Bouche droite, texture charnue avec de la fraicheur et une finale aérienne. Un blanc de plaisir avec un potentiel de garde intéressant.

JebDunnuck.com – Jeb Dunnuck – June 2020
91-93 Bright pineapple, honeyed peach, and floral notes all emerge from the 2019 Château Malartic-Lagraviere Blanc. This nicely textured, medium-bodied white has integrated acidity, good length, and is going to drink nicely right out of the gate.

Terre de vins – Sylvie Tonnaire et Audrey Marret – 2019, Le Grand – Juin 2020
91-92 nez vif et expressif citron, citron vert et zeste de pamplemousse, légèrement poivre blanc. La vivacité est superbement maitrisée pour une bouche pleine et ample, tout en finesse sur son côté graphite. La finale assez longue s'affirme sur la minéralité et une touche saline. Un vin frais au fruit éclatant.

JamesSuckling.com – James Suckling - May 2020
96-97 Really intense and powerful with great density and energy, showing sliced limes, green apples, stone and minerals. It's full-bodied and very long. Extremely minerally with precision and brightness. Clear and transparent. Wow.

Vinaria – Bordeaux en Primeur 2019 Frucht, Kraft und Rasse - April 2020
******* Anfangs schüchtern, dabei hell und glockenklar, feine weiße Frucht und weiße Blüten, duftig und elegant, kühl, ein Hauch von Limette, Hollerblütensaft, elegant; saftig, schöner Biss, strukturiert, auf dem Gaumen exotischer auch Guave; ein Hauch von Kokos, feiner Biss, mittlere Lange.
At first shy, yet light and clear as a bell, fine white fruit and white flowers, fragrant and elegant, cool, a hint of lime, elderflower juice, elegant; juicy, powerful, structured, more exotic on the palate