



RED

2020

Château Malartic-Lagravière

BLEND

Cabernet-Sauvignon 50,4 %
Merlot 47,8 %
Cabernet-Franc 1,8 %

DATES OF HARVESTS

Merlot
Septembrer 9 to 21
Cabernet-Sauvignon
September 21 to 24
Cabernet-Franc
Septembre 18

THE DOMAINE

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

Owner Bonnie Family

Total area (A.O.C.) 71 hectares (175 acres)

Total area in red 62 hectares (153 acres)

Geology Quaternary Günzian well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil

Grape varieties 56% Merlot - 39% Cabernet-Sauvignon - 3% Cabernet-Franc - 2% Petit-Verdot

Density of plantation 10 000 plants / ha

Average age of the vineyard 28 years old

Vineyard Management Agroecology, plant cover, eco-pasture, minimal ploughing, with horses.

Pruning method Guyot Double

TECHNICAL

Certifications Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification 3 Opt A, ISO 14001 (EMS)

Harvest Manual harvest by intra-plot passes, double sorting tables

Vinification Double cap, thermoregulated stainless steel and oak vats

Vat period 21 to 23 days

Yields 26 hl/ha

Ageing Early blending, traditional on fine lees in French oak barrels, 65% new oak

Ageing period 18 month

Enologiste Consultant Eric Boissenot

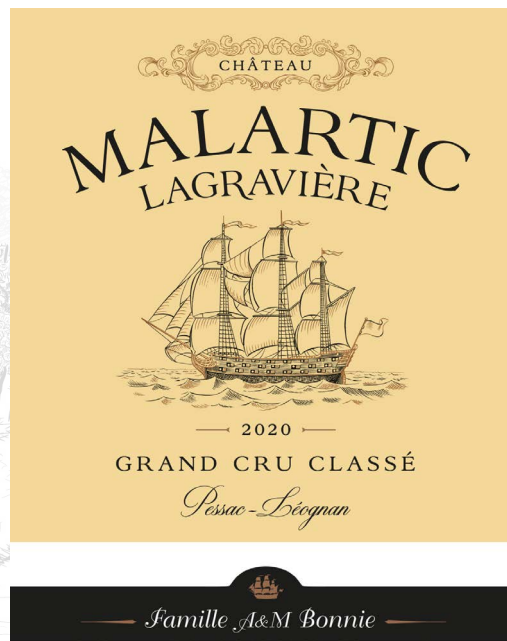


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THE VINTAGE

Great concentration with superb freshness

2020 was an early vintage, with exceptional weather conditions, characterized as much by high temperatures and periods of drought as by abundant rain and frost.

The spring was fairly cold and wet, and bud break was early. While March saw severe frosts, April brought high temperature spikes. A very sunny start to May was followed by heavy rain, but then we had a good 10-day window at Malartic during flowering, which was fast and uniform. After the fruit had set, the rain came back at the beginning of June, increasing the risk of mildew.

The weather changed mid-June to become dry and sunny, sometimes even scorchingly hot. Véraison was very early, ending at the beginning of August. After the extended dry period, the 50 mm of rain on 11 August were just what the vines needed. The harvests took place at a relaxed but steady pace, with exceptionally warm temperatures. They started with the white grapes on 25 August and finished on 24 September with the last Cabernet.

Precise monitoring of the vineyard and Malartic's dry, gravelly, well-drained soil enabled us to turn the various weather challenges to our advantage. The work in the winery begun in 2019 with Eric Boissenot has been successfully continued: minimal intervention to highlight the purity of the fruit, followed by meticulous care and precision in the work on each batch after fermentation.

The Malartic 2020s are characterized by excellent density; their concentration is balanced by a remarkable freshness. The tannins are very sleek and elegant in this particularly well-balanced vintage.

The reds, showing a very Cabernet style, develop superb aromatic power accompanied by tremendous freshness. With a silky and elegant structure, the palate is bright, lively, long and dense.



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PRESS REVIEW

yvesbeck.wine.fr – Yves Beck – Bordeaux 2020, les livrables - Décembre 2022

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Que de précision et d'énergie dans ce vin ! Le bouquet révèle des nuances de menthe et de mûres et invite à goûter le vin. Friand et soutenu par des tannins élégants, le vin se veut certes gracieux, mais il est tellement juteux, salivant qu'il endosse finalement un rôle de bobo dansant du hip-hop ! Quelle belle réussite. 2025-2045

Jamessucling.com – James Suckling – Bordeaux 2020 - December 2022

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Blackberries and licorice with blackcurrants. Mushroom, too. Medium to full body. Creamy and soft tannins that are fine textured. Delicious finish. Racy, polished and sophisticated. Drink after 2026.

Wine Enthusiaste – Roger Voss – June 2021

94-96

Barrel Sample. A richly impressive wine from the Bonnie family's estate. Dark tannins and rich fruits are elements of a wine that is going to be generous and dense, ripe and stylish with plenty of aging potential.

The Wine Cellar Insider - Jeff Leve – Bordeaux Primeurs 2020 – Mai 2021

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Dark garnet in color, the wine grabs your attention with its display of flowers, currants, espresso, smoke, licorice and incense. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, the wine is lush and polished, with waves of opulent dark fruits that keep on coming. Fresh and expansive, creamy and deep, this is going to rival many of the best vintages produced here. Give this at least 5-7 years in the cellar and enjoy it for the following 2 decades after that.

Vinous.com – Neal Martin – Bordeaux primeurs 2020 – May 2021

94-96

The 2020 Malartic-Lagravière, whose picking was completed on September 24, before the rains, has a bright, vivid nose of mineral-infused red fruit mixed with hints of blueberry and cassis. Very focused and precise, this is an aromatically sophisticated Pessac-Léognan. The palate is medium-bodied with graphite-tinged black fruit, hints of wild mint coming through, and lively and tensile toward the finish. This is one of the best vintages of Malartic-Lagravière that I have encountered out of bottle. Ignore at your peril.

www.alexandrema.com – Alexandre Ma - Bordeaux 2020 In Bottle - March 2023

95+

The bouquet of Château Malartic-Lagravière 2020 is a symphony of grace and charm. The glass comes alive with the delicate fragrance of ripe blueberries and mulberries, gracefully accompanied by whispers of clove and star anise spice. The palate is a tapestry of juicy, velvety flavors, expertly woven with delicate tannins that dance on the tongue. Unlike the 2018 vintage, which dazzles with its bold appearance, the vintage of 2020 is a testament to the beauty within, a treasure that will evolve and blossom with age, reaching its peak of refinement in 15 to 20 years.

Quarin.com - Jean-Marc Quarin - Bordeaux 2020 en bouteilles - Mars 2023

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Decanter.com – Jane Anson – Bordeaux primeurs 2020 - May 2021

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Among the Top scorer Primeurs 2020. Top picks of Pessac-Léognan Appellation Concentration and intensity to the cassis and bilberry fruits. Well expressed, carefully extracted and there is good balance with a crushed mint freshness on the finish. Really starts to show subtle floral edging with time in the glass. It has a silky texture and a finessed fresh core that holds interest from beginning to end. Another successful year at this estate. Tasted twice, and this is one of the successes of the appellation. A yield of 26hl/ha (24hl/ha Cabernets, 28l/ha Merlots) compared to 46hl/ha last year. 65% new oak, harvest from 9 to 24 September. Second year with Eric Boissenot as consultant.

Jeb Dunnuck – Bordeaux primeurs 2020 – May 2021

93-95

Based on a blend of 50.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47.8% Merlot, and the rest Cabernet Franc that hit 14.2% natural alcohol, the 2020 Château Malartic-Lagravière offers a gorgeously pure nose of both red and blue fruits as well as lots of floral and mineral nuances. Still aging in 65% new French oak, it's medium to full-bodied and has the vintage's rich, concentrated style

yet gorgeous purity of fruit as well as ripe, polished, building tannins. It's one seriously good 2020 that will impress with short-term bottle age and keep for 25 years or more. It's up with the crème de la crème of the appellation. Tasted three times with consistent notes.

Robertparker.com – Lisa Perrotti-Brown – The 2020 Vintage - Mister in between – May 2021

92-94

The deep purple-black 2020 Malartic-Lagravière leaps from the glass with vibrant notes of Bing cherries, black raspberries, ripe plums and boysenberries, plus suggestions of pencil lead, wild sage and crushed rocks. Medium-bodied, the palate has lovely energy and freshness, offering a solid backbone of grainy tannins to support the lively red and black fruit layers, finishing savory. The tentative blend is 50.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47.8% Merlot, and 1.8% Cabernet Franc, with only 38% of production going into the grand vin. The alcohol is 14% this year. Commencing with the 2020 vintage, the estate has chosen a new bottle for the grand cru and second vin, highlighted by an engraved ship, the symbol of the estate.

Vinous – Antonio Galloni - 2020 Bordeaux en primeurs – June 2021

93-95

The 2020 Malartic Lagravière is a powerful, tightly wound wine. There is perhaps a bit less opulence than in years past, but that just gives the wine an extra kick of energy and vibrancy that is quite attractive. Inky red cherry fruit, rose petal, spice, cedar and cinnamon all grace this beautifully taut wine from the Bonnie family. Tasted three times.

Thewinecellarinsider.com – Jeff Leve - Bordeaux primeurs 2020 – May 2021

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Larvi.com – Vladimir Kauffmann – Primeurs à Bordeaux, un millésime 2020 diabolique et exceptionnel ! – Mai 2021

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MatthewJukes.com – Matthew Jukes – The Bordeaux Report 2020 en Primeurs – July 2021
17.5

This is a very fine effort from Malartic which cleverly balances intense forest fruit notes on the nose, lashings of juicy oak nuances and spice with a sleek, plump palate and a remarkably refreshing finish. Forward, friendly and well-measured, this is a huge success for this estate and I don't doubt that while it will surely drink after five or so years, it will also manage to hold well for a decade and more, too.

Jancisrobinson.com – Jancis Robinson – Bordeaux 2020 – left-bank reds – April 2021
17

Dark purplish crimson. Much more mineral than fruity on the nose. But very luscious fruit on the palate. With racy texture and notably fine tannins. Strongly saline finish. Distinctive and already rather appetizing. Approachable young. Among the “Fresher Bordeaux reds 2020s” – Evolution in style (May 11th 2021)

Le Point – J.Dupont et O.Bompas – Bordeaux 2020 – Mai 2021
17.5-18

Nez raffiné, fruits noirs, mûre, burlat, fruité frais, bouche très délicate, tanins fins, du moelleux, texture onctueuse, complet

Yvesbeck.wine – Yves Beck – Bordeaux primeurs 2020 – Avril 2021
94-95

Bouquet invitant, de bonne intensité. Il révèle des parfums de baies noires, de réglisse et de chocolat. Caractère crémeux et élégant en bouche. Le corps est dense et soutenu par des tannins soyeux, parfaitement intégrés. Un vin gourmand et rafraîchissant grâce à la vivacité de sa structure acide. 2024-2045

Weingabriel – Andre Gunz – April 2021
17

Journal d'un Passionné – Daniel Seriot – Primeurs 2020 – Mai 2021
94-96

L'aération libère des arômes de fruits noirs mûrs, d'épices douces, nuancés de notes florales, avec un élevage avenant. La bouche est bien construite, avec un corps bien dessiné et rempli, charnu, velouté et fruité. La finale est longue, très veloutée, d'un bon maintien, avec une palette aromatique éloquente.

Le Figaro – Notre sélection des 80 meilleurs primeurs de Bordeaux – Mai 2021
94-96

Entre présence et discrétion Un nez profond de fruits noirs, légèrement épicé, qui invite à aller plus loin. Une bouche satinée, parfaitement équilibrée, entre présence et discrétion, se prolongeant par une finale de chocolat.

Le Figaro Vin – 17 Rouges de Graves et Pessac-Léognan Primeur par Bastian Berge (chef sommelier au Cheval Blanc) – Le goût des jeunes sommeliers – Mai 2021

Bouche bien équilibrée, un peu austère, de belle longueur, notes fruitées, boisées, grain tannique mûr qui amène rondeur et finesse.

Anthocyanes – Yohan Castaing – En Primeurs 2020 – Mai 2021
93-95

Bien qu'un peu grillé, le nez recèle de belles notes de fruits noirs frais, de cassis et de violette pour une gourmandise assumée. En bouche, c'est frais, juteux, la texture est charnue et les tanins légèrement structurants. Un beau millésime pour cette propriété en pleine évolution stylistique.

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PRESS REVIEW

The Drink Business – Colin Hay – Bordeaux 2020 en primeur by appellation: Pessac-Léognan – May 2021
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Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the appellation in quite a challenging vintage. This seems to have locked in the freshness that others sometimes lack. On the nose we have a deep rich dark ripe plump and crunchy berry and stone fruit, with fresh cassis the most notable element, along with currant leaves and graphite and a lovely loamy-earthy element. On the palate this is rich and ample, with tannins of velvet and that lovely diaphanous and sinuous feel that so many of the wines of the appellation lack. This glides gracefully over the palate in a way that disguises its actually quite considerable density and concentration; the fine-grain tannins bring detail and focus and this is one of the more precise and pure expressions of the vintage that will surely age gracefully. The oak is more moderate than in recent vintages, but this does not lack for personality. Very impressive.

The Wine Doctor – Chris Kissack – Bordeaux 2020: Pessac Léognan, red – May 2021
93-95

This wine from the Bonnie family is a blend of 50.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47.8% Merlot and 1.8% Cabernet Franc, picked at a yield of 24 hl/ha. Densely pigmented, with a black violet hue, and a tinge of mulberry to the rim, the aromatics here are a sweet combination of blackcurrant fruits, dried sage, dark chocolate and tobacco. The palate presents a charming sense of texture and gravid substance, with a sinewy presence of dark fruits, all currant and black bean, resting on a very fine structure of perfectly ripened dark tannins and tobacco-infused oak. I see that sage note again, not to mention a little fragrant white peach and orange lift, before it all gives way to the grip in the finish. This is a very classy wine that should provide fantastic drinking given time. The alcohol, by the way, is 14.2%.

Terre de Vins – Michel Sarrazin et Sylvie Tonnaire – Bordeaux primeurs 2020 – Mai 2021
93-94

Un vin qui a une belle identité avec son nez surprenant, sur des notes végétales nobles contrebalancées par du kirsch. On aime le très beau travail sur la matière, caractérisée par un fruité très mûr pour une bouche ronde. Un vin séducteur certes, mais aussi taillé pour la garde. Très équilibré.

Vvwine – Adrian Van Velsen– Bordeaux primeurs 2020 – Mai 2021
92-94

Nez expressif et parfumé, bois nobles, baies forestières, voire notes citriques, semble chaleureux, mais rayonne de terroir frais. Accessible en bouche, avec des courbes et des fruits mûrs, a un effet opulent, mais reste frais, se développe de plus en plus et crée une finale épicée de longue durée. Un vin extraordinairement expansif qui devrait être amusant dès le début mais qui a encore un bon potentiel. 2024-2036. (Avril / mai 2021)

Alexandrema.com – Alexandre Ma – LATEST RELEASE Bordeaux 2020 Tasting Report En Primeurs Pessac-Léognan – June 2021
94-95

The nose is filled with graceful lines, gently sending out pure blueberry, delicious strawberry jam, and an abundance of cloves and star anise's fragrance. The juicy and tender entry makes the structure feel bouncy and smooth. Refined tannins extend on the palate like a layer of velvet. A scent of distinct purple flowers toward the finish highlight the graceful charisma of Malartic Lagravière.

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Toutlevin.com - Bernard Burtschy - Primeurs 2020 par Bernard Burtschy: les 150 meilleures notes - Mai 2021 94-95

Winechronicles.com - Panos Kakaviatos - Top 50+ hits : Bordeaux 2020 from barrel - May 2021 93-95

Château Malartic Lagravière - I like the cool blueberry and ripe plum aspects from this blend of almost equal parts Merlot (just over 47%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (just over 50%) with the rest Cabernet Franc. Underlying clay and limestone lent freshness to this wine, clocking in at 14.2% alcohol. But there is power in the tannins, structure for the longer haul. With Eric Boissenot consulting, I notice now a subtle change in style for the better: a bit more juiciness and airy elegance overall.

Falstaff - Peter Moser - Bordeaux en primeur - May 2021 92-94

Dark ruby, purple reflections, discreet brightening at the rim. Fine noble wood spices, ripe black cherries, understones of plum and fig, delicate herbal savouriness in the background. Juicy, elegant, cherry notes carry through on the palate, integrated, silky tannins, very persistent and harmonious.

Perswijn - Ronald De Groot - Aanbevolen wijnen: Bordeaux 2020 en primeur - May 2021 17.5

intens, kruiden, pruimen, vanille, complex SMAAK prachtige diepgang, rijpe tannine, breed, chocola

Vertdevin - Bordeaux en primeurs 2020 - Juin 2021 17.25 - 94-95

Le nez est fruité, élégant et offre de la richesse, de la délicatesse, de la complexité, de la puissance (en finesse), de la subtilité, de la noirceur ainsi qu'un joli côté multi-couches. On y retrouve des notes de mûre éclatante, de cassis pulpeux/écrasé et plus légèrement de fraise Gariguette charnue, de violette associées à des touches de lys, de minéralité racée / graveleuse (discrètement iodée), d'épices douces, de poivre de Cuben, à de fines pointes d'encens, de badiane, de vanille ainsi qu'à une discrète pointe de thé, de safran et de chocolat. La bouche est fruitée, équilibrée, élégante, racée et offre de la gourmandise, de la fraîcheur, une bonne définition, de la richesse en fraîcheur (et en maîtrise), de la tension, de la densité, une puissance contrôlée ainsi que de la justesse. En bouche ce vin exprime des notes de fraise pulpeuse/juteuse, de cassis charnu/juteux et plus légèrement de petits fruits noirs éclatants associées à des touches de petits fruits rouges frais/charnue, de lys,

de violette, à des pointes de fève tonka, de cardamome, de thé ainsi qu'à de fines pointes de minéralité racée, à une subtile pointe de clou de girofle et de vanille. Les tannins sont précis et offrent une fine fermeté.

Les Echos - Yohan Castaing - Notre sélection des Graves - Juin 2021 93-95

Changement de consultant pour ce domaine qui n'en finit pas de nous régaler. Le 2020 est un délice de gourmandise avec des notes de fruits noirs et de fleurs pour une bouche juteuse, fraîche, bien en place et une allonge aérienne. Une très belle bouteille en devenir.

Vinum : World of Bordeaux - Bordeaux 2020 Noch mehr power - Rolf Bichsel - Septembre 2020 17.5

Auch in diesem Jahr von ausgeprägtem Charakter dank grosser Dichte und Rasse, erstklassigem Tannin, Spannkraft, Lange und spurbarem, aber gut eingebundenem Susskomplex. Abgefüllt 18 Punkte wert. 2030 bis 2040.



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Vinaria – Peter Schleimer – 2020 Bordeaux en primeurs 2020/Teil II : Graves und Pessag-Léognan – June 2021

Duft nach Marzipan und Schwarzkirschen, ausgereift, ansprechende Currynoten, sehr schöner Fruchtausdruck, reif, süß, großzügig; weiche Fruchtfülle, ausgewogen, geht über vor reifer Dunkelfrucht, Kirschen und Waldbeeren, sehr saftig, dezent kernig, mittellang.

(Marzipan and ripe black cherries aromas, appealing curry notes, very nice fruit expression, ripe, sweet, generous; balanced soft fruit fullness merges with ripe dark fruits: cherries and forest berries, very juicy, discreetly pithy, medium length.)

Schweizerische Weinzeitung – Bordeaux 2020 Worauf wir uns Freuen – May 2021 18/20

Elegantes präzises Bouquet, schwarze Kirschen, Cassis, geröstete Kräuter, Kakao. Dicht, saftig, feines süßes Tannin, elegante Säure, tiefgründige schwarzbeerige Frucht, reife Himbeeren, Brombeeren, Bitterschokolade, zart Minze im Finish, gute Länge. Gutes Potenzial! Vielleicht der beste je produzierte Malartic! 2031-2048

(Elegant, precise bouquet, black cherries, cassis, roasted herbs, cocoa. Dense, juicy, fine sweet tannins, elegant acidity, deep black berry fruit, ripe raspberries, blackberries, dark chocolate,

delicate mint in the finish, good length. Good potential! Perhaps the best Malartic ever produced! 2031-2048)

www.jancisrobinson.com – Primeur 2020 – Avril 2021 17

Full bottle 1,305 g. Cask sample taken 6 April and I'm afraid it is written that it should be tasted before 10 April, five days ago... 50.4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47.8% Merlot, 1.8% Cabernet Franc. Considerable changes to vinification and ageing here, not least shortening vatting times and careful tannin management in the press wines. Dark purplish crimson. Much more mineral than fruity on the nose. But very luscious fruit on the palate. With racy texture and notably fine tannins. Strongly saline finish. Distinctive and already rather appetising. Approachable young.

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