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# Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 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

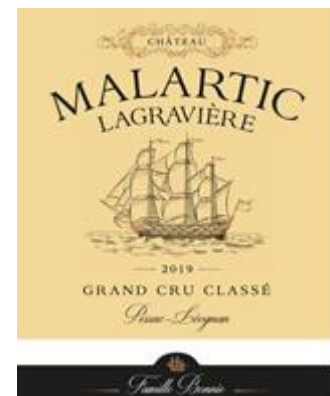
Merlots	September, 17 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Cabernet-Sauvignon	October 1 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Cabernet-Franc	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019

### Blend

Cabernet-Sauvignon	55.9 %
Merlot	41.3 %
Cabernet-Franc	2.8 %

### Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)	73 hectares
Area in red (A.O.C.)	64 hectares
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	27 years old
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average yield	46 hl/ha
Harvest	Manual harvest by intra-plot passes, double sorting tables Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification*, ISO 14001 (EMS)
Vinification	Double cap, thermoregulated stainless steel and oak vats
Fermentation	21 to 23 days
Ageing	Early blending, traditional on fine lees in French oak barrels, new oak 65%
Ageing period	18 months
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**

#### **Janeanson.com – Jane Anson - 2019 In Bottle: Pessac-Léognan and Graves – January 2022**

**95** Precise, chiselled fruits and tannins, this is concentrated without being overpowering. Enjoyable En Primeur and absolutely living up to its promise, with Pessac glamour that knows where to make an impression and where to pull back. Tons of dark blackberry and damson fruits, confident tannins, and waves of flavour that keep you engaged. 65% new oak. A yield of 46hl/ha. Harvest September 17 to October 11. Tasted twice, two months apart.

#### **Vvwine.ch – Adrian Van Velsen – Arrivée Bordeaux 2019 – January 2022**

**93** (14%. Dégusté à Windisch en décembre 2021) Nez profond et noble, montre des fruits mûrs et des notes fraîches et minérales, de thé noir et de réglisse. La bouche est concentrée, dense et charnue, un vin avec de la rondeur et pourtant de l'élégance, les tanins sont de très bonne qualité, donnent au fruit mûr un corset précis, en finale d'une très bonne longueur, épicé, fruité noir et long. A très bien évolué depuis en primeur. Peut mûrir en 2025-2040

#### **YvesBeck.wine – Yves Beck – Bordeaux 2019 en bouteille – December 2021**

**94** L'élégance et l'intensité fruitée du bouquet invitent à apprécier ce vin. Parfums de griottes et de mûres, qui sont complétés par un soupçon de moka. Le vin a du corps, une énergie rafraîchissante et surtout de grands arômes en bouche, qui caractérisent également la finale et sont persistants. Très agréable ! 2025-2040

#### **JamesSuckling.com – James Suckling – Bright Future for 2019 Bordeaux – December 2021**

**96** Very complex aromas of dark berries, mushrooms, earth, flowers and incense. Crushed stone, too. Full-bodied with very fine, refined tannins that are caressing and beautiful. It's very, very long and persistent in the finish with subtle and complex flavors. This will deliver beauty with age. Drink after 2025.

#### **jancisrobinson.com - Julia Harding MW & Jancis Robinson - UGC 2019s in bottle, left-bank reds – December 2021**

**16** 55,9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41,3% Merlot, 2,8% Cabernet Franc. Darkest crimson. Inviting, somehow warm aroma of ripe cassis and black plum with a light stone-dust mineral quality to lift it above just fruit. Richly fruited, the tannins slightly thick, but generous and full in the mouth and then fresh on the finish. (JH) 14%. Drink 2028 - 2035

#### **La RVF – Pierre Citerne – Bordeaux primeurs 2019 : Une réussite générale à Pessac-Léognan – October 2020**

**19** Premier millésime conseillé par Éric Boissenot, Malartic-Lagravière 2019 offre un éclat et une pureté de premier ordre ; distinction et évidence aromatique escortent le fruit du début à la fin de la dégustation. Le cru propose en 2019 une matière pleine mais sans doute plus déliée, plus agile, que dans les millésimes précédents, servie par une très belle qualité tannique, offrant au toucher de bouche un grain supérieurement élégant.

2019 : 37 € - 2018 : 49 €



**Vinum – Rolf Bischel & Barbara Schroeder – BORDEAUX EN PRIMEUR 2019 TOP QUALITY AND TOP VALUE – September 2020**

**17,5 – 18** *In pessac leognan hat uns malartic buchstäblich aus den Socken gehauen. wir haben uns - ehrlich -erst einmal verschluckt und mussten ein zweites Mal einsetzen, co sehr hat uns dieser Wein überrascht. Hier stimmt wirklich alles, Extrakt, Mineralität, Salinität, Fruchtigkeit, einmalige Qualität der Tannine und superbe Tiefe, Dichte und rasse : umwerfend gut.*

En Pessac-Léognan, Malartic nous a littéralement enchanté !

Honnêtement - nous nous sommes étouffés une fois et avons dû nous asseoir et nous détendre une deuxième fois, alors ce vin nous a beaucoup surpris. Tout y est: extrait, minéralité, salinité, fruité, qualité unique des tanins et superbe profondeur, densité et race: étonnamment bons.

*Malartic-Lagravière literally blew our socks off.*

*After taking our first sip, this wine astonished us so much that we (honestly) had to go back and try it again a second time. Everything is in balance here: extract, minerality, salinity, fruitiness, the unique quality of the tannins, and superb depth, density and sophistication. Stunningly good.*

**XL-vins.fr –Xavier Lacombe – October 2020**

**99** Nez assez profond et complexe de cerises noires, de framboises, et de groseilles. Ces fruits possèdent une excellente maturité, certains ont un léger croquant, d'autres sont plus fondants. Cela permet de créer un magnifique jeu de texture. Les tannins sont très fins, très élégants, et la matière soyeuse va également dans ce sens. Tout a été mis en oeuvre pour rendre de ce 2019 de Château Malartic-Lagravière, un digne représentant du domaine et des vins fins que produit l'appellation Pessac-Léognan.

**WineEnthusiast.com – Roger Voss – June 2020**

**95-97** This rich, smoky wine has finely textured tannins to go with its deliciously juicy black fruits. The Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend sings of black currant, all framed in firm tannins that promise good long-term aging potential.

**Decanter – Jane Anson – June 2020**

**95** A successful and accomplished vintage at Malartic Lagravière, this is concentrated and upfront in its dark berry fruits, great control from the tannins, and tons of Pessac character and finesse. An estate that has become a serious heavyweight in the appellation, showing here gourmet, saline, precise character. 65% new oak. A yield of 46hl/ha. Harvest September 17 to October 11. Drinking Window 2026 – 2042.

**TheWineDoctor.com – Chris Kissack – June 2020**

**94-96** This is a blend of 41.3% Merlot, picked September 17th to the 30th, 55.9% Cabernet Sauvignon, picked October 1st to the 11th, and 2.8% Cabernet Franc, picked October 2nd and 3rd. The grand vin has a regal mulberry-claret hue, dark and opaque. This is a world way from the second wine, rich with savoury focus on the nose, led by notes of smoked blackcurrant and damson, with crushed limestone, sweet vanilla pod and tobacco. The palate shows a tense and linear style, but with a beautifully sinewy presence and concentration through the middle, the texture filling out to provide a well-judged balance, showing substance but a great frame and definition. The fruit feels increasingly dark and savoury, with olive, black bean and black pepper, but with fantastic tension, vigour and a long central structure which runs through the finish into the length. Top work here, melding a traditional structure with the generosity of the vintage.

*Bordeaux Sense : A selection of wines scoring well but which won't stretch the bank balance quite as far as those wines listed above. That doesn't mean they come cheap, but that do offer a lot of wine for the money. While I have selected some of my highest-scoring wines, there is more subjectivity in this case, especially with those bottles that come in at the 95-97 point level, even more so at 94-96 points.*



**Markus Del Monego – June 2020**

**96** Dark purple red with violet hue and black core. Expressive nose with distinct spiciness, liquorice and gingerbread spices, backed by juicy fruit reminiscent of blackberries and blackcurrants, in the background hints of graphite and cold smoke. On the palate complex and rich with intense fruit, hints of graphite and mild spices, ripe tannins and fine acidity, multi-layered fruit in the finish, excellent length and body.

**Wine-chronicles.com – Panos Kakaviatos – 2019 From the barrel – September 2020**

**93-95** Pristine fresh red and black fruit aromas precede a palate smooth and dense, very fruit driven but with a cool blue fruit aspect on the long finish. This is the first vintage since the estate hired the talented wine consultant Eric Boissenot, highlighting greater elegance in style, which is very welcome. A blend of nearly 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, just over 41% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc, the wine is aging in 65% new French oak. Furthermore, the excellent quality from this producer is getting increasingly noticed by merchants worldwide for its price/quality ratio (just over \$30 per bottle in the U.S.), so buy it while that lasts. 😊 93-95 Crus et Domaines de France tasting

**Wine Cellar Insider – Jeff Leve– June 2020**

**94-96** Deep ruby in color, with polished, soft, fresh, ripe, sweet fruits from start to finish. The wine is elegant, lush and polished with silky tannins. The long, generous finish and its layers of ripe, lush fruits and drizzle of chocolate-covered plums tastes great and feels even better! 94-96 Pts.

**Vinous.com – Neal Martin – June 2020**

**94-96** The 2019 Malartic Lagravière was picked from 17 September to 11 October at 46hl/ha and sees 65% new French oak for an intended 18 months. It has a lovely bouquet with disarming blackberry, briary and subtle marine scents, just a whiff of brine in the background from the distant Gironde estuary. The palate is medium-bodied with extremely fine tannins that frame the layers of blackberry, raspberry and orange rind notes. Satin-like in texture, this feels reassuringly long in the mouth with a dab of white pepper on the aftertaste. What an outstanding Malartic from the Bonnie family. Tasted from three bottles.

Cité comme un des cinq good-value de l'appellation.

**JancisRobinson.com – James Lawther – June 2020**

**17** A little more pinpoint and palate-focused than in the past. Ripe but zesty. Vineyard-fresh dark-berry aroma and flavour. Tannins plentiful but sculpted. Plenty of length and drive. (JL) Drink 2027 – 2040

**Vinous.com – Antonio Galloni – June 2020**

**93-95** Bold and luscious to its core, the 2019 Malartic Lagravière certainly makes a statement. Raspberry jam, pomegranate, mint, blood orange, spice and dried flowers build as the 2019 shows off its generous curves and sumptuous personality. Malartic Lagravière is not exactly subtle, but it sure is delicious and so inviting.

**WineAdvocate.com – Lisa Perrotti Brown – June 2020**

**93-95** The 2019 Malartic Lagravière is a blend of 55.9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41.3% Merlot and 2.8% Cabernet Franc, harvested from the 17th of September to the 11th of October. The wine is aging in French oak barrels, 65% new, for approximately 18 months. Deep garnet-purple colored, the nose leaps from the glass with exuberant notes of ripe blackberries, fresh black plums and boysenberries with hints of cedar chest, clove oil, violets and black licorice plus a waft of Sichuan pepper. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with ripe, rich black fruits and a compelling spicy undercurrent, framed by firm, plush tannins and plenty of freshness, finishing on a lingering aniseed note. Very impressive!



**JebDunnuck.com – Jeb Dunnuck – June 2020**

**92-94** The 2019 Château Malartic-Lagravière ratchets up the intensity, offering rocking levels of crème de cassis and jammy blackberry fruits as well as full-bodied richness, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It shows more spice and chocolate notes with time in the glass and is another beautifully, ripe, sexy wine from the Graves region of Bordeaux.

**Terre de vins – Sylvie Tonnaire et Audrey Marret – 2019, Le Grand – June 2020**

**92-93** Nez de fruits noirs, floral, un peu chaud mais fin, avec une touche de havane. Sur la cerise noire et la réglisse, la bouche se fait soyeuse avec une remarquable finesse des tanins. Délicat et élégant, le milieu de bouche s'allonge sur les fruits noirs écrasés, avec des notes fumées. Une grande réussite.

**RVI – Vladimir Kauffmann – Les Primeurs redonnent des couleurs à Bordeaux ! – June 2020**

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**Millesima – June 2020**

2019 fera incontestablement partie des grands millésimes de la propriété. Tout au long de l'année, le travail quotidien des équipes techniques sous la conduite de Jean-Jacques Bonnie a porté ses fruits. La climatologie extrême de l'année 2019 a donné naissance à de grandes choses en soulignant la typicité du terroir de Malartic et l'identité des cépages. Les merlots sont ainsi ronds et charnus avec une intense expression aromatique tandis que les cabernets présentent une grande finesse de tanins, de la fraîcheur et de la complexité.

En primeur, château Malartic-Lagravière rouge 2019 séduit par la délicatesse et la précision de sa palette aromatique. Fraîcheur, éclat du fruit, texture veloutée, finesse et amplitude de la trame tannique, tous les éléments sont réunis pour souligner la singularité du terroir de Malartic.

**Vinaria – Bordeaux en Primeur 2019 Frucht, Kraft und Rasse - April 2020**

**\*\*\*/\*** Kühle Frucht, feuchtes Laub, Moos, dunkle Trauben, gewisse Fülle, leicht reduktiv, schwarzer Pfeffer, recht rauchig, getrocknete Hollerbeeren, Tannennadeln; schmelzig, viel Frucht, geschmeidig, kraftvoll, ziemlich saftige Frucht, fest, griffig, mittellang, Spur ruppig. *Fresh fruit, moist leaves, moss, dark grapes, certain abundance, slightly reductive, black pepper, quite smoky, dried elderberries, pine needles; melty, a lot of fruit, smooth, powerful, quite juicy fruit, firm, grippy, medium length, persistent in taste.*