

# Château Malescot St. Exupéry 2019

CSPC# 848997

750mlx6

13.9% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot
<b>Appellation</b>	Margaux
<b>Classification</b>	Third Growth. Troisième Grand Cru Classé in 1855.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.malescot.com/">http://www.malescot.com/</a>
<b>General Info</b>	<p>The estate already produced wine in 1608. In 1697, it was sold by Louise Simon Ecoisses Malescot, consul of King Louis XIV at the Parliament of Bordeaux. He gave his name to the property, and his descendants took good care of Malescot and added a large dwelling house and numerous outbuildings, but after the revolution, the property was divided several times between different descendants and sold to different buyers before becoming the property of Count Jean-Baptiste Saint-Exupéry in 1827 who added his name to that of Malescot.</p> <p>In 1855 Château Malescot Saint Exupéry was ranked third grand cru before being sold to a banker from Bordeaux named Fourcade, who renovated the winery and enlarged the vineyard. The chateau passed again through the hands of various owners including Mr. Boissac who built the current castle in 1885 but sold it again in 1901. Many owners succeeded again, and the estate slowly declined until, on 1st June 1955, Paul and Roger Zuger bought it with only seven hectares of vines left. After nearly 30 years of sustained efforts and attention, the blason of Malescot regained its rank and its desire to go ever higher. Today, the son of Roger, Jean-Luc Zuger, is at the head of the estate that was extended to 23.5 hectares, and he continues the work begun by his grandfather and his father.</p>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Cellar Master: Gilles Pouget. Oenologist Consultant: Michel Rolland
<b>Vintage</b>	After a hot and dry summer which lasted until the weekend of the 20th of September, and despite two heatwaves, in June and July, the Margaux appellation has produced a particularly high-quality vintage.
<b>Vineyards</b>	28 hectares of which 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. Soil gravel overlaying chalk or marl which slopes towards the Gironde. Fruit picked into trays to prevent crushing.
<b>Harvest</b>	25th of September until 16th of October 2019. Handpicked in crates, selective sorting in the vines and in the cellar
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Temperature controlled and matured in 100% new oak and undergoes malolactic in barrel depending on the vintage. Aged on lees with stirring. 13-14 months' barrel ageing (70% new barrels) before being racked without fining or filtration.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	A delicate Malescot which makes it a gourmet wine despite a tight tannic structure. We will have to wait for this vintage to fully express the freshness of its cabernets supported by a body full of merlots. As for the Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, they are like salt and pepper which densify and reveal this wine.
<b>Serve with</b>	Chateau Malescot St. Exupery is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now-2034
<b>Production</b>	Approx. 9,000 cases made.
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>92 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p><b>94-96+ points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020</p> <p><b>94+ points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - March 2022</p> <p><b>96 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022</p> <p><b>96-97 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p><b>#1</b> - James Suckling's 10 Best Value 2019 Bordeaux</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p>



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**92-94 points** - Farr Vintners - May 2020  
**96 points** - Neal Martin, *Vinous* - February 2022  
**95-97 points** - Neal Martin, *Vinous* - June 2020  
**94-96 points** - Antonio Galloni, *Vinous* - June 2020  
**94 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022  
**89 points** - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020  
**96 points** - Peter Moser, *Falstaff Magazine* - June 2020  
**18 points** - *Vinum Wine Magazine* (score only) - September 2020

**Reviews** *"Shows steeped plum and cherry fruit flavors that are married to a melted licorice note, with a spine of singed balsam wood through the finish. Offers nice length and harnesses the heat of the vintage well. Drink now through 2034."*

- JM, *Wine Spectator*

*"The 2019 Malescot St. Exupery is generous and expressive, bursting with aromas of cassis, cherries and blackberries mingled with hints of loamy soil, dark chocolate, and espresso roast. Full-bodied, broad, and muscular, its fleshy core of fruit is framed by succulent acids and ripe, powdery tannins that assert themselves on the finish. This will reward a bit of bottle age with flamboyant drinking. Drink Date: 2027 – 2060."*

- WK, *Wine Advocate*

*"The deep garnet-purple colored 2019 Malescot St. Exupery charges out of the gate with vibrant notes of crushed red and black currants, warm blackberries, and Morello cherries plus suggestions of pencil lead, cedar chest, clove oil and wild mushrooms with a waft of fertile loam. Medium-bodied, the palate has an enticingly energetic skip in its step, delivering mouth-coating red and black berry layers with plenty of earthy sparks and a firm, fine-grained texture, finishing on a lingering exotic spices note. Don't let the flamboyant fruit at this early stage fool you—there is a serious backbone to this wine, which should offer a good 30+ years of cellaring potential. Drink 2025-2050."*

- LPB, *Wine Advocate*

*"The 2019 Malescot Saint-Exupery is deep garnet-purple in color. It prances out with gregarious black and red cherries, fragrant earth, blackcurrant pastilles, and violets notes plus wafts of tar and fallen leaves. The velvety, medium-bodied palate is laden with vibrant, energetic black and red berry layers, lifted by a refreshing backbone and finishing long and fruity."*

- LPB, *Wine Independent*

*"Sweet currant and berry aromas with hints of blackcurrants, black cherries, and flowers. It's full-bodied and layered with beautifully polished tannins that last for minutes. Tight and very focused. This needs at least six or seven years to open. Try after 2027."*

- JS, [JamesSuckling.com](http://JamesSuckling.com)

*"Wow. This is so perfumed and mesmerizing with currant, floral and blackberry character. It's full-bodied, yet so refined and polished with wonderfully fine-grained and crafted tannins. The finish goes on and on."*

- JS, [JamesSuckling.com](http://JamesSuckling.com)

*"Bramble fruit and hedgerow on the nose, this is lovely, succulent, and juicy full of blue fruits - blueberries and freshly crushed mint leaves. I love the interplay between herbal and fruit aspects with gentle tannins that support but really the emphasis here is on the mint-tinged fruit from start to finish. Tannins are abundant not doubt so best to wait a few years to open but this has excellent freshness that is so appealing."*

- GH, [Decanter.com](http://Decanter.com)

*"This is enjoyable and has been well handled, offering blackberry fruit with a brambled hedgerow edge that suggests both plenty of juice and also a slightly rustic edge to the tannins. It gives the wine an unfussy quality that emphasises the floral aromatics. Drinking Window 2025 – 2040."*

- JA, [Decanter.com](http://Decanter.com)

## Reviews

*“Grilled tobacco leaf and liquorice on the first nose, there is a flash of spiced heat to kick things off, reflecting what is a gourmet wine full of personality and big tannins. Cocoa bean and espresso alongside blackberry and hedgerow fruit give a generous, unfussy feel. Jean-Luc Zuger is owner at this estate, one of the first in the Médoc to use gravity-fed winemaking over a two-story wine cellar right back in the 1870s.”*

- JA, Inside Bordeaux

*“Lush, rich, and silky, the wine is deep, dark, and intense, with silky tannins, freshness, and layers of opulent, refined, elegant dark red fruits. The combination of velvety tannins, intensity and a plush finish hits the spot. If you can keep your hands off it for a decade or so, this is going to be an outstanding wine to enjoy for the following 2 decades after that. Drink from 2029-2055.”*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*“Deep, dark garnet in color, the wine moves from the glass with espresso, smoke, wet earth, blackberry, and currant scents on the nose. Rich, full-bodied, round, lush and velvety, the wine exudes freshness on the mid-palate. The energy in the fruit, and the purity carries it through the long, extensive, sweet, lifted fruit-filled, polished finish. This should age quite well.95-97 Points.”*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*“Deep ruby in colour with sweet, caramelised red fruits on the nose. The palate is glossy and ripe, with star anise and cinnamon layered by morello cherry and baked plums. Modern and opulent in style but not over extracted, this silky and fleshy wine will offer hedonistic pleasure from a fairly early stage.”*

- Farr Vintners

*“The 2019 Malescot Saint Exupéry has a well-defined bouquet, although it does not quite possess the intensity that it showed from barrel. Touches of licorice and allspice gently unfold with time. The palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit, and lightly spiced with white pepper and clove toward the detailed, persistent finish. This is a serious Margaux that deserves time in bottle. 2026 – 2060.”*

- NM, Vinous

*“The 2019 Malescot St. Exupéry is richer and more flamboyant on the nose compared to its Margaux peers with ravishing red berry fruit, vanilla, iodine, and touches of cassis, becoming increasingly floral with aeration. The palate has a cashmere texture on the entry matched by well-judged acidity. Wonderful cohesion here, harmonious and focused with veins of black pepper and allspice towards the finish that feels reassuringly long. Deee-licious!”*

- NM, Vinous

*“The 2019 Malescot St. Exupéry is a striking wine that is sure to find many admirers. Gravel, smoke, licorice, pencil shavings and crushed rocks meld into a core of dark, inky plum and berry fruit. The interplay of earthy and savory notes with rich, dense fruit here is utterly captivating. Even in this warm, obviously opulent vintage, Malescot remains one of the most distinctive wines in Margaux, and in Bordeaux more broadly. I loved it.”*

- AG, Vinous

*“The 2019 Château Malescot Saint Exupéry has an almost old-school vibe in its cedary, herbal, meaty, almost gamey aromatics, but it has beautiful purity in its both black and blue fruits. Medium to full-bodied, on the palate, it's nicely concentrated, has building tannins, good mid-palate density, and a great finish. I don't think it matches the 2016 and 2018, but it's a seriously good Margaux that already offers pleasure. It won't hit maturity for another 7-8 years but should have a lengthy drinking plateau.”*

- Jeb Dunnuck

*“Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, subtle lightening of the edges. Ripe dark berries underlined with a hint of nougat and ripe plums, delicately of candied oranges, inviting bouquet. Juicy, complex, elegant, ripe sweet cherries, silky tannins, acidity rich in finesse, mineral, and persistent, very seductive style, with great future potential.”*

- Falstaff Magazine