

Château Malartic Lagraviere 2019

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Grape Variety	55.9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41.3% Merlot, 2.8% Cabernet Franc.
Appellation	Pessac-Léognan
Classification	Grand Cru Classé de Graves in 1959
Website	https://www.malartic-lagraviere.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/malartic-lagraviere-red-2019.pdf
Sustainability	Sustainable farming - High Value Environmental certification. HVE, level 3 (the highest) since 2015. A unique reference of environmental quality, prioritizing biodiversity inside and all-around plots.
General Info	<p>Chateau Malartic Lagraviere started out life with a shorter name. Originally, it was known as Domaine de Lagraviere. The Malartic family obtained the Bordeaux vineyard at the close of the eighteenth century. In the 1850's, the chateau changed their name to Malartic Lagraviere. The name change was to honor the family's famous son, Comte Anne-Joseph-Hippolyte Maures de Malartic, who was a well-known French colonial Governor and French Navy Admiral. In fact, this explains the reason for the boat on their logo.</p> <p>Chateau Malartic Lagraviere passed from the family of Maures de Malartic family to Arnaud Ricard. The Ricard family were quite well-known in the Graves region as they also owned Chateau de Fieuzal and Domaine de Chevalier . The Ricard family eventually sold the property in 1990 to the famous Champagne producer, Laurent-Perrier. In 1997, Chateau Malartic Lagraviere, became the property of Michele and Alfred-Alexandre Bonnie in 1997. Without prior experience in the wine world, the Bonnie family dove right in at Chateau Malartic Lagraviere, spending close to \$20,000,000 to modernize the estate.</p>
Winemakers	Michele and Alfred-Alexandre Bonnie. Eric Boissenot consults.
Vintage	<p>A vintage with all the characteristics of the great years.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Vineyards	The 53-hectare vineyard of Chateau Malartic Lagraviere is planted to produce both red and white Bordeaux wine. 46 hectares are planted for red Bordeaux grapes with 45% Merlot , 45% Cabernet Sauvignon , 8% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot . The terroir for the red wine grape varieties is gravel and clay with limestone soils. Their best terroir is probably the parcel behind their cellars, with the really deep gravel soil that can be as deep as at 8 meters. All work in the vineyards is done using only self-sustaining, farming techniques.
Harvest	Merlots September 17th to 30th, 2019 Cabernet-Sauvignon October 1st to 11th, 2019 Cabernet-Franc October 2nd & 3rd, 2019
Vinification/ Maturation	To produce the red wine of Chateau Malartic Lagraviere, vinification takes place in a combination of 20 stainless steel vats and 10 oak tanks. The 30 different, conical shaped vats allow for parcel-by-parcel vinification. Malolactic fermentation takes place in barrel. Fermentation 3 to 5 weeks - 28 to 30° C. Aged in traditional oak barrels: 65% new oak for 18 months.



Tasting Notes	<p>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.</p> <p>The freshness and the balance of this vintage combine with the brilliance of the fruit and velvety texture, with an ample yet complex tannic structure, reflecting the true signature of Malartic's terroir.</p>
Serve with	<p>Chateau Malartic Lagraviere is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Young vintages can be decanted for 1-3 hours. This allows the wine to soften and open its perfume. The wine will also gently warm in the glass, releasing its aromatics. The red wine of Chateau Malartic Lagraviere is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.</p>
Production	10,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2020-2029
Scores/Awards	<p>92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p>92+ points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p>93-95 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - June 2020</p> <p>96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022</p> <p>95-96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p>96 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 2022</p> <p>95-97 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020</p> <p>17 points - James Lawther, JancisRobinson.com - June 2020</p> <p>16 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - December 2021</p> <p>94 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022</p> <p>95 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020</p> <p>95 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p> <p>95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022</p> <p>94-96 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020</p> <p>90-92 points - Farr Vintner - May 2020</p> <p>95 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p>94-96 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>93-95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p>96 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022</p> <p>92-94 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020</p> <p>90 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020</p> <p>91+ points - Thomas Parker MW - November 2021</p> <p>94 points - Yves Beck (score only) - December 2021</p> <p>94 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - February 2022</p> <p>92-93 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - June 2020</p> <p>19 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - October 2020</p> <p>19 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Very sleek, featuring cassis, mulled plum and raspberry coulis flavors, laced with licorice, alder, and sweet tobacco notes. Offers a subtle sous bois hint that peeks in on the finish, so this isn't for the longer haul but is tasty now. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2029. 10,000 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Aromas of raspberries, blackcurrants, charcoal, and forest floor preface the 2019 Malartic Lagravière, a medium to full-bodied, fleshy, and charming wine that's lively and elegant, built around bright acids and fine, powdery tannins. This has turned out nicely in bottle and shows good potential for improvement in the cellar."</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"The 2019 Malartic Lagraviere 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!"</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p>

- Reviews** *“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.”*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- “This elegance and beauty of this young wine is really something. Incense, sandalwood, currants, and chocolate come through on the nose and palate. It’s full-bodied, very fine-tanned and persistent. Sophisticated. Another 2016?”*
- JS, JamesSuckling.com
- “The Bonnie family has worked wonders at this estate, producing today one of the top wines of the appellation. This latest release, equally rich in tannins and fruit, is dense, powerful, and also elegant. It will age well.”*
- RV, Wine Enthusiast
- “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.”*
- RV, Wine Enthusiast
- “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. Drink 2027 – 2040.”*
- JL, JancisRobinson.com
- “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. 14%. Drink 2028 – 2035.”*
- JH, JancisRobinson.com
- “Lovely vivid bright red-pink in the glass. Pronounced nose, rich and vibrant. On the palate, this is crunchy with density and chew, a nice combination of texture and bright fruit. Lively with blackcurrant, strawberry, and red cherry flavours alongside soft hints of dark chocolate and perfume. Delicate but also layered with flavour. I like this a lot. Bright energy with a density that is bold yet refined and sculpted. The texture and overall balance are excellent, and this will provide great drinking for the long term. Such a long length. Purity and power. Elegant with finesse, purity, and power. Classic and well made.”*
- GH, Decanter.com
- “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.”*
- JA, Decanter.com
- “Precise, chiseled 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.”*
- JA, Inside Bordeaux
- “Deeply colored, the wine jumps out due to its showy nose with its smoked plum, chocolate, black cherry, espresso, flower, and crushed rock aromatics. The flamboyant, full-bodied palate fills you up with layers of velvet-textured, polished blackberries, black cherries, coffee bean, mocha, and licorice. The wine is elegant, lush, and polished with silky tannins that provide you with length and purity. While you can enjoy this early, its best days are ahead. Drink from 2027-2055.”*
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

Reviews

"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."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The winemaking in 2019 reflects significant work in the vineyard, to only extract delicately and use less press wine than previously in order to bring a more refined structure to the wine. Deep ruby in colour with a sweet nose of blue fruits, violets, and baked vanilla. the palate is silky and fleshy, with seamless tannins allowing the oily, ripe fruit to shine through. Fleshy and opulent through to a blueberry pie-like finish - a hedonistic 2019."

- Farr Vintners

"The 2019 Malartic Lagravière presents a refined nose of blackberry, raspberry, cedar and light estuarine aromas, very well defined and focused. The palate is framed by fine-grained tannins, and the pure blackberry and raspberry notes are laced with blood orange. Maybe just a little more granular in texture than before, but still wonderfully balanced, with great length and nobility. This will age with style. A sophisticated Pessac-Léognan with a lot of potential."

- NM, Vinous

"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."

- NM, Vinous

"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."

- AG, Vinous

"The 2019 Château Malartic-Lagravière showed brilliantly, with an elegant, pure, flawlessly balanced style. Giving up ripe black cherry, currants, tobacco leaf, and spicy oak, with textbook Graves scorched earth, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a beautiful layered, seamless mouthfeel, great tannins, and one heck of a great finish. It's not a blockbuster, but it excels on its elegance, balance, and complexity. Readers will love to have this in the cellar, and it will keep for 20+ years."

- Jeb Dunnuck

"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."

- Jeb Dunnuck

"Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, delicate rim lightening. Black cherries, ripe plums, a hint of nougat, fine precious wood root. Juicy, pleasant fruit sweetness, ripe tannins, freshly structured, touch of chocolate on the finish, already well developed, drinkable, good aging potential."

- Falstaff Magazine

"Deep ruby in colour and chock full of blueberry, vanilla, and cherry blossom on the nose. Open and soft on the palate, this fresh, midweight and moreish wine is bursting with blue and red fruit. Bright and compact, there is a herbal edge with a sandy crunch to the tannins. Long and lively with acidity on the finish."

- Tom Parker MW
