

# Château Malartic Lagraviere Blanc 2019

CSPC# 870082

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**

76.1% Sauvignon Blanc, 23.9% Semillon

**Appellation**

Pessac-Léognan

**Classification**

Grand Cru Classé de Graves in 1959

**Website**

<https://www.malartic-lagraviere.com/en/vintages/#malartic-blanc-2019>

**Sustainability**

Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification\*, ISO 14001 (EMS) \*(HVE, level 3 (the highest) since 2015. A unique reference of environmental quality, prioritizing biodiversity inside and all-around plots.)

**General Info**

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.

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.

The white Château Malartic-Lagravière is a classified grand cru from the Pessac-Léognan appellation. Note that unlike some of its neighbors in the AOC, Malartic-Lagravière is classified for its red wines, but also for its white wines.

**Winemakers**

Eric Boissenot, Consultant

**Vintage**

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 an ample yet complex tannic structure, reflecting the true signature of Malartic's terroir.

**Vineyard**

The 53-hectare vineyard of Chateau Malartic Lagraviere is planted to produce both red and white Bordeaux wine. Quaternary Günzian well-drained gravels and clay gravels.

9 hectares of vines are reserved for white Bordeaux wine varieties. For that, the vineyards are planted to 83% Sauvignon Blanc and 17% Semillon. For the white wine grape varieties, you find more limestone with clay and a slightly cooler micro-climate



<b>Vineyards</b>	in the vineyards. On average, the vines are close to 25 years of age, but they have old vines too, some of which are more than 60 years of age. The vineyard is planted to a vine density of 10,000 vines per hectare.
<b>Harvest</b>	Manual harvest by successive passes Sauvignon Blanc from 4- 13 September 2019 and Sémillon on the 16 September 2019
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Inerted slow pressing, fermentation in oak barrels. Ageing on the lees, bâtonnage in French oak barrels – 55% new oak. Aged for 12 to 14 months
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	A lively and expressive nose of lemon, lime and grapefruit zest, slightly white pepper. The liveliness is superbly mastered for a full and ample mouthfeel, all in finesse on its graphite side. The rather long finish asserts itself on minerality and a salty touch. A fresh wine with bright fruit.
<b>Serve with</b>	The white wine, Chateau Malartic Lagraviere Blanc is a perfect wine to serve with shellfish, sashimi, sushi, all types of seafood, chicken, veal, and cheese.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2022-2032
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>92-94+ points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - July 2020</p> <p><b>96-97 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2020</p> <p><b>95-97 points</b> - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020</p> <p><b>95 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020</p> <p><b>90-92 points</b> - Farr Vintners - June 2020</p> <p><b>91-93 points</b> - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020</p> <p><b>91-93 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2020</p> <p><b>91-93 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin, Quarin.com - June 2020</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Falstaff Magazine (score only) - June 2020</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>“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.”</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>“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.”</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>“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.”</i> - RV, Wine Enthusiast</p> <p><i>“Crisp and bright Sauvignon character but with added depth, flesh and mouthfeel that comes across in a lovely expansion through the mid palate, and slate walls to drag things down to a snail's pace through the finish. Accomplished and classy with savoury stone fruits and rosemary edging. Drinking Window 2021 – 2032.”</i> - JA, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>“The honeysuckle, just-squeezed lemons, green apple and pears on the nose are just perfect. On the palate, the juicy, ripe, creamy, fresh citrus fruits, with their sweetness keep on going, due to all that racy acidity. This should age quite well.”</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>“Mineral and pithy on the nose, this is full of grapefruit and tart lemons. The palate shows some waxiness that adds breadth, with the hint of oak adding sweetness and complexity. Zesty acids give a mineral, lithe finish.”</i> - Farr Vintners</p>

**Reviews** *“The 2019 Malartic Lagravière Blanc was picked from 4 September to 16 September at 47hl/ha and is matured on the lees in 55% new oak. This has a composed bouquet with light tropical notes of pineapple and passion fruit that soon give way to more malic, green apple and gooseberry scents. It is well defined and intense on the palate with a tangy saline entry. Certainly, there is very good depth and tension. A welcome touch of bitter lemon imparts tension on the finish. Very fine.”*

- NM, Vinous

*“The 2019 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc is super-elegant and refined. Sweet, perfumed citrus, mint, sage and floral overtones open up first, followed by light tropical inflections that recall the warmth of summer. Creamy and beautifully textured in the glass, the Blanc has so much to offer. There is more than enough brightness to balance the natural radiance of the year, with a good bit of power in reserve as well.”*

- AG, Vinous

*“Bright pineapple, honeyed peach, and floral notes all emerge from the 2019 Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc. This nicely textured, medium-bodied white has integrated acidity, good length, and is going to drink nicely right out of the gate.”*

- Jeb Dunnuck

*“My best rating given to this wine in Primeur tied with the 2015. Pale color. Intense, fine nose, with pure, ripe and subtle fruit. Floral nuances accompany notes of peach. Soft on the attack, juicy on the mid-palate, dense and airy at the same time, with complex flavors of white fruits and spices, the wine soars in final, long, very delicate, and finally unbelievable. Blend: 76.1% sauvignon, 23.9% Semillon. Yield: 47 hl / ha. 2022 – 2030.”*

- JMQ, [quarin.com](http://quarin.com)

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