

Château Malartic Lagraviere Blanc 2021

CSPC# 102701 750mlx12 13.4% alc./vol.
CSPC# 855314 750mlx6 13.4% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 89% Sauvignon Blanc, 11% 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 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 The mild, warm winter and early spring resulted in an early bud break, which was then slowed down by a cold and dry second half of spring. Severe frosts on 6 and 7 April left their mark. Late pruning, carried out in March on our most sensitive plots, significantly reduced their impact.

May was rainy and cool, but the flowering, which was rather early at Malartic, benefited from a window of mild weather (end of May, beginning of June). As a result, it was homogeneous and fast. This was followed by a stormy period until mid-July, which led to a strong mildew pressure and very active growth of the vines. Fortunately, from the end of the véraison to the beginning of the harvests, there was a very beneficial dry period. The skins and seeds matured to excellent degrees of ripeness as the harvests approached.

The white grape harvest started on the 15 September: the grapes were healthy, with great aromatic freshness and good density thanks to the beautiful sunny weather.

Initial tastings reveal great elegance, with silky, very sophisticated red wines, characterized by freshness and aromatic clarity. There is good density with a velvety tannin texture. The whites are very fresh and offer good concentration with a beautiful fruitiness.

It is thus a vintage that depended very much on the terroir and the winegrower: adaptation, agility and responsiveness were necessary at all stages of the vintage, with late pruning, maintenance of the plant cover with little ploughing, early and high-quality green harvesting to ensure uniform ripening, and management of the harvests on a daily basis with rapid decision-making.

Our excellent knowledge of Malartic's terroir enabled us to anticipate its reactions and thus maintain the quality and excellence of Malartic's grands vins.

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 in the



Vineyard	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.
Harvest	Manual harvest by successive passes. Sauvignon Blanc 15-24 September 2021. Sémillon 17- 21 September 2021.
Vinification/ Maturation	Inerted slow pressing, fermentation in oak barrels. Ageing on the lees, bâtonnage in French oak barrels – 50% new oak. Aged for 14 months
Tasting Notes	Malartic Lagravière 2021 white completely showcases the charm of the high-ratio Sauvignon Blanc Bordeaux blend. It greets your nose with pronounced flavors of honey and fruit tea, and then brings its immense energy to your mouth. I especially enjoy its superb melt-in-the-mouth experience, simple but luxurious like Haute Couture jewelry. The signature mineral notes on the finish go beyond words, creating a stunningly powerful and ethereal experience.
Serve with	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.
Cellaring	Drink 2022-2032
Scores/Awards	<p>91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2024</p> <p>90-93 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p>88-91 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022</p> <p>95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2024</p> <p>95-96 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - June 2022</p> <p>16.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - June 2022</p> <p>94 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022</p> <p>94 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2022</p> <p>94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022</p> <p>91 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2022</p> <p>92-94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2022</p> <p>90-92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2022</p> <p>94-96 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022</p> <p>18 points - Matthew Jukes - August 2022</p> <p>91 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022</p> <p>93-94 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2022</p> <p>93 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022</p> <p>94 points - Vert de Vin - April 2022</p> <p>90-91 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - May 2022</p> <p>91-92 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - May 2022</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Quite plump, with a good, juicy edge to its mix of apricot, mirabelle plum and yellow apple notes. There's light hints of salted butter and bitter almond on the finish. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon. Drink now through 2026. 620 cases made."</i></p> <p>- JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2021 Malartic Lagravière Blanc shows promise, bursting with aromas of lime zest, fresh mint, grapefruit, and pastry cream. Medium to full-bodied, chiseled and nicely concentrated, it's a taut, intensely flavored wine that concludes with a long, saline finish.</i></p> <p><i>An estate on the rise, with a new approach to viticulture, the fruit of over a decade's work, is delivering smaller grapes, lower pHs and greater concentration at Malartic Lagravière; and now, since 2019, Eric Boissenot's input as consultant is privileging balance and structural finesse over extraction and impact. These 2021s, fine successes in a challenging year, are testament to the promise of this new direction."</i></p> <p>- WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Composed of 89% Sauvignon Blanc and 11% Semillon, the 2021 Malartic Lagraviere blanc slowly unfurls to present notes of lemon curd, green apples, and white peaches, with suggestions of sea spray, paraffin wax, and crushed rocks. The light to medium-bodied palate offers great tension and intensity, with a lively line and long, stone-fruit and lemony finish."</i></p> <p>- LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"The fine haze of oak spices is spot-on now with a mineral verve and lots of green stone fruit to the nose. This is broad and full-bodied on the palate with refreshing acidity and a fine bite of tannins that lends additional structure and seriousness to this white."</i></p> <p>- JS, JamesSuckling.com</p>

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- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"89% Sauvignon Blanc, 11% Sémillon. Cask sample. Notes of green vegetation on the nose. Then an attractive fruitiness on the palate. Already attractive, even if not one of the most complex white Pessac-Léognans. An early developer? Impressively persistent. Drink 2023 – 2028."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Green and red apple, pear, caramel, brioche, and toasted lemon tart. You can feel they achieved good ripeness in the weight and density on the palate - it's not overly rich but can take the oak elements, delivering a more nuanced and sophisticated style this year that's not just fresh and fruity, but also weighty and textured. You get the crushed stone and cooling mint effect on the tongue as well as the peach, plum and green apple crispness. A sharp tang on the finish is thrilling, accentuating the life and vibrancy you get the whole way through. Less overtly acidic than some, it's more in the background while the other more nuanced details sit on top. A lovely wine this year, lots to like with all the necessary elements to age."

- GH, Decanter.com

"White peach and pear, juicy texture, powerful, great quality with linen and slate texture though the palate and an expertly mouthwatering finish. Tasted twice, excellent quality."

- JA, janeanson.com

"Spices, honeysuckle, lemon rind, pomelo, pears, and yellow apple notes are easy to find on the nose and palate. The wine is creamy, fresh, bright, long and packed with sweet yellow fruits and crispness in the finish. The wine blends 89% Sauvignon Blanc with 11% Semillon. Drink from 2023-2034."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The 2021 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc was picked from 15 to 24 September with less Sémillon due to frost (11%) and matured in 50% new oak. Clean and precise on the nose, this unfurls nicely in the glass, taut and mineral-driven. The palate is well balanced with fine acidity, lively and beautifully balanced, just the right amount of salinity with a cohesive and lingering finish. This is an outstanding white Pessac-Léognan."

- NM, Vinous

"The 2021 Malartic-Lagravière Blanc races out of the glass with soaring Sauvignon Blanc notes. Bright and sculpted, the 2021 has plenty to offer. Citrus peel, white flowers, sage, mint, and crushed rocks lend notable complexity as the 2021 opens with some coaxing. Drink 2024-2031."

- AG, Vinous

"The 2020 Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc showed brilliantly, with medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of ripe pineapple, white flowers, and chalky minerality. It shows the purity and precision of the vintage, has terrific mid-palate concentration, bright acidity, and a great finish. The blend is 80% Sauvignon and 20% Semillon, harvested from the 15th to the 24th of September, that's still resting in 50% new French oak. It's a stunning white in the making."

- Jeb Dunnuck

"I am always a fan of this wine and in 2021 it lives up to its billing. With a white almond smoothness over a crisp, cool citrus core, this is not as raw or as pithy as many and it is this elegance and control that makes it so attractive. Less is more. Yes, it is!"

- Matthew Jukes

Reviews *“Very pale yellow-green, silver reflections. Delicate aromas of gooseberries and grapefruit and white tropical fruit with hints of lime citrus. The palate shows savoury hints with subtle nuances of yellow fruit. Its fresh acidity and light minerality offer an impressive length with good ageing potential.”*
- PM, Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is elegant, fresh and reveals tension, some power, complexity, and a fine richness. There are notes of pulpy/ripe vine peach and more lightly lychee combined with fine touches of fairly ripe citrus, exotic fruit as well as a discreet hint of pink lychee, racy gravel, discreet almost verbena and a subtle touch of vanilla. A very discreet hint of smoke in the background. The palate is fruity and offers an acidic backbone, a nice freshness/minerality, gourmandize, a nice delicacy in its volume (with a little smokiness), concentration, a nice precision/smoothness, power in control as well as a nice acidity. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/brilliant peach, tangy lychee and more slightly lemon combined with touches of sweet kumquat as well as hints of passion fruit, subtle saline hints, a subtle hint of toastiness and a very discreet almost vanilla hint. Persistence with an imperceptible hint of pepper in the background. A lovely, complex, elegant, precise, gastronomic white wine that reveals purity, depth, and intensity.”
- Vert de Vin
