

# Les Arums de Lagrange 2021

CSPC# 883123

750mlx6

13.0% alc./vol.

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| <b>Grape Variety</b>                | 62% <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i> , 27% <i>Semillon</i> , 11% <i>Sauvignon Gris</i>   |
| <b>Appellation</b>                  | Saint Julien   |
| <b>Classification</b>               | Bordeaux Blanc - Vin de Bordeaux   |
| <b>Website</b>                      | <a href="https://chateau-lagrange.com/en/the-wine/">https://chateau-lagrange.com/en/the-wine/</a>  |
| <b>Sustainability</b>               | The estate has been part of the HVE (High Environmental Value) environmental approach since the 2017 vintage.  |
| <b>General Info</b>                 | <p>Historically, a large number of Chateaux in the Medoc used to produce white wine for their own consumption or receptions. Château Lagrange was part of them until the beginning of the sixties. The tradition was then revived, and from the 1996 vintage, a dry white wine (AOC Bordeaux) is produced by the estate, under the name "Les Arums de Lagrange".</p> <p>Created in 1996, "Les Arums de Lagrange" is one of the very first white wines in the Médoc to be vinified in barrel. The perfect harmony between the creaminess of the Sémillon and the freshness of the Sauvignons gives a nice tautness to this delicate wine. A wine that seduces us with its irresistibly refreshing style.</p>  |
| <b>Winemakers</b>                   | Matthieu Bordes, winemaker. Eric Boissenot consultant.   |
| <b>Vintage</b>                      | <p>The total rainfall of recorded in 2021 was lower than the average of the past 25 years. It is interesting to note that temperatures remained cool throughout the growth cycle, a vital element for maintaining balance in the wines. The preparatory vine care during June and July allowed the grapes to reap full benefit from the sun's rays. The first baskets of Sauvignons Blancs were picked on 8th September and the harvest end on 24th September with the Semillons. We have taken the time and harvested only in the morning when the temperatures are still fresh, to preserve the aromatic potential of the grapes.</p> <p>The weather conditions of the vintage have been extremely positive for the elaboration of a great white wine. Provided with a remarkable freshness, this wine shows a beautiful aromatic complexity, dominated by the Sauvignons.</p> |
| <b>Vineyards</b>                    | <p>118 hectares. With an area of 11 hectares spread over two communes in the Médoc, this vineyard of white vines is located on two distinct terroirs of gravelly sand and limestone clay. "Les Arums de Lagrange" is one of the very first white wines of the Médoc vinified in barrels. The perfect harmony between the smoothness of Sémillon and the freshness of Sauvignon reveals the unique tension of this delicate wine. A refreshing style that carries us away.</p> <p>From 6 700 to 8 700 vines / hectare.</p>  |
| <b>Harvest</b>                      | From the 8th September to the 24th September 2021. Manual harvest in the cool morning, manual sorting  |
| <b>Vinification/<br/>Maturation</b> | <p>Gentle extraction by pressing in bunches Settling 12 hours after cold fermentation in 225 L barrels.</p> <p>No malolactic fermentation Parcel and intraplot selection.</p> <p>Selection of batch conducted according to the varietal, age of vines, terroir, and grapes maturity.</p> <p>Aging takes place over 6 months in barrels, with 50% new barrels.</p> <p>Final blending takes place before bottling.</p>   |
| <b>Tasting Notes</b>                | Pale, slightly golden in color, the nose is marked by citrus fruits such as lemon, orange zest and grapefruit. The mouth is fresh, supported by a nice acidity with a certain smoothness due to its aging in barrels. A delicacy to be enjoyed rather in its youth.  |
| <b>Serve with</b>                   | A perfect match with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, salmon, mushrooms, and pasta as well as cheese.  |
| <b>Production</b>                   | unknown  |
| <b>Cellaring</b>                    | Drink 2023-2028  |
| <b>Scores/Awards</b>                | <p><b>90-92 points</b> - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p><b>88-90 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - January 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p>   |



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**86 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - April 2022

**91-92 points** - Vert de Vin - April 2022

**91 points** - Markus del Monego, Tasting Book - April 2022

**Reviews** *"A blend rich in Sémillon, the 2021 Les Arums de Lagrange offers up aromas of confit citrus, nectarine, pastry cream and white flowers, followed by a medium-bodied, deep, and chalky palate underpinned by lively acids. It's a terrific effort in what is a strong vintage for dry white Bordeaux."*

*"When Matthieu Bordes arrived at Château Lagrange in 2006, he had the good fortune to take over a vineyard that had been extensively replanted in the 1980s and was just arriving at maturity. Since Suntory acquired this estate, indeed, no expense has been spared, nor has any selection been considered too severe; and as the fruits of that investment over the years met Bordes's talents, the results have been exceptional. In 2021, a strict selection and a willingness to sacrifice volume (via saignée and osmosis) have delivered a Lagrange that transcends the limitations of the vintage."*

- WK, Wine Advocate

*"A pale, slightly golden robe. The nose is characterised by citrus notes such as lemon, orange peel or grapefruit. The palate is nice and fresh, supported by a pleasant acidity and a slight creaminess due to the barrel ageing. A real treat for the tastebuds, a wine to be enjoyed in its youth."*

- LPB, Wine Independent

*"Some grassy, subtle herbal edges on the nose with the crisp green fruits - smells like Sauvignon. Unctuous and lively, I love the shot of lime juice and zest you get together with the cool crushed stone minerality that cleans the tongue. Sharp but also well balanced with good overall acidity and structure. Great quality and very enjoyable. Eric Boissenot consultant. (2023 - 2035)"*

- GH, Decanter.com

*"Tart and sappy, this majors on citrus fruit with touches of liquorice root. Good quality, full of pleasure. Tasted twice."*

- JA, Inside Bordeaux

*"Flowers, white peaches, tangerine, and yellow citrus notes with a deft touch of honeysuckle is fresh, vibrant, crisp, and also creamy in the finish. (2023 - 2032)."*

- JL, [thewinecellarinsider.com](http://thewinecellarinsider.com)

*"Fruity, pleasant and tasty wine with medium body and length."*

- Jean Marc Quarin

*"Bright yellow colour with green hue. Fragrant nose with refined fruit, lemon zest and hints of tangerine zest, Buxus, aromatic herbs, white lilies, and elder blossoms in the background. On the palate well-structured with rather full-bodied yet elegant character, convincing length with multi-layered fruit."*

- Markus del Monego MW

*"The nose is fruity and offers a certain elegance as well as a fine richness of fruit. It reveals notes of ripe lemon, quince, and a slight hint of quenette associated with small touches of fresh kumquat as well as a hint of crunchy nectarine and a very discreet floral hint. The palate is fruity and offers juiciness, minerality, a slight greediness, a slight richness, generosity, and a very slight straightness. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy nectarine, pear and slight hints of lemon associated with fine touches of kumquat as well as a subtle hint of small exotic fruits and a very discreet touch of almond in the background."*

- Vert de Vin

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