



May 2014

Château Malartic-Lagravière White 2012

*Classified Growth of Graves in Red and in White
Appellation Pessac-Léognan (A.O.C.)*

Vintage

A real winegrower's vintage, with particularly changeable, turbulent weather conditions, requiring extreme precision in the care of the vineyard!

Winter 2012 was dry with a very cold spell accompanied by some snow in February. The spring was rather cool; rainfall was average but frequent (except April with 169 mm). The summer was mainly hot and dry, with two periods of exceptionally high temperatures. September and October were characterized by damp weather.

This was a rather late vintage. Both the flowering in mid-May and the start of ripening in mid-August were slow and somewhat uneven (with some flower abortion and irregular grape size). The sustainable management approach that has been in place in the vineyard for ten years enabled us to compensate for the delayed ripening with ploughing, some light leaf removal at the end of July, and three green harvests to adjust the unevenness between bunches. The white grapes underwent numerous selections on the vine. This constant work enabled us to reach the harvest with the grapes in perfect health, despite the fact that the threat of disease was particularly high this year.

Both the Sauvignon and the Sémillon were of excellent quality. They are aromatic, with a beautiful smoothness and intensity.

Harvest period

Sauvignon
Sémillon

From 6 to 24 september 2012
From 24 september to 3 october 2012

Blend

Sauvignon
Sémillon

75%
25%

Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)
Area in white (A.O.C.)
Géology
Grape varieties
Density of plantation
Pruning method

53 hectares
7 hectares
Well-drained gravels and clay gravels
Sauvignon 80% - Sémillon 20%
10 000 plants / ha
Guyot double

Average yield
Vinification
Fermentation temperature
Ageing
Ageing period
Degrees

36 hl/ha
Slow pressing and fermentation in barrels
20-22°
On lees in traditional oak barrels: 50% new oak
12 months
13.5% vol

Oenologist Consultants

Michel Rolland





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Gilbert & Gaillard International - Summer 2013

92-94 Refined, pure floral-fruity nose. Rich, full and expressive palate with entwined aromas of fresh grape, lime and citrus fruits. Very harmonious and compelling across the palate.

Guide Bettane & Desseauve 2014

16.5 Nez pur, sur les fruits blancs, souple, charmeur, peu de complexité mais grande buvabilité, fraîcheur et finesse, glissant.

Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate - May 2013

91 - 94 Fatter, richer and more honeyed than usual, this 2012 is a top-notch success. It exhibits abundant glycerin, a layered, full-bodied mouthfeel, plenty of honeyed tropical fruits (pineapples), a striking minerality and a long finish. It should drink well for a decade or more.

Neal Martin - robertparker.com - May 2013

93 - 95 Now, this is a bouquet that really means business – lovely mineral-like scents, cold granite and Alpine streams with crisp green fruit that just soars from the glass. The palate is vibrant on the entry with well-judged acidity, lovely ripe green apples and hints of nectarine and apricot lying in wait in the background with a long satisfying citric finish. This is a great white wine from the Bonnie family – a startling white Bordeaux that reminds you how great it can be. Tasted April 2013.

Jeannie Cho Lee - Asian Palate newsletter - May 2013

90 This property continues to be very consistent, making very good wine even in challenging vintages. The red and whites are both very good in 2012. Generous, full bodied white with sweet ripe peaches, pomelo and mangosteen flavours. Lean, focused and well-crafted.

Steven Spurrier - decanter.com - April 2013

17.5/20 - 91/100 Pure vibrancy of Sauvignon-dominated fruit with an added richness from the vintage and from perfect winemaking, a very classy wine. Drink 2014

Roger Voss - Wine Enthusiast - April 2013

92 - 94 Barrel sample. Spice and green-plum flavors meld beautifully in this wine that's already showing deliciously. It has a fine, mineral texture that makes it edgy and tight on the palate. Acidity cuts straight through the palate like a fine laser.

James Molesworth - April 2013

90 - 93 Bright and pure, with a nice range of pear and yellow apple notes backed by flickers of wet straw and tarragon. Wet stone hint in the background, too. Long. Delicious.

Rolf Bichsel & Barbara Schroeder - Vinum - Juillet - Août 2013

16 De la fraîcheur et du caractère, une acidité présente et une finale minérale aux notes fruitées et de fines herbes. Il peut encore mûrir un peu.

Pierre Guigui - GaultMillau - Mai 2013

17 Très difficile à juger ce vin en retenue, en discrétion qui ne joue pas les gros bras mais plutôt la salinité et la douceur et tout en faisant preuve d'une belle longueur en bouche. Tilleul, amande, fruits secs puis une fine amertume viennent compléter un ensemble qui s'harmonise dans un très bel équilibre.

Jeff Leve - thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2013

91 - 93 Citrus peel, stone, grapefruit and honeysuckle scents, fleshy, concentrated, ripe and refreshing, the wine ends with sweet Meyer lemons and a hint of pineapple.



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Andreas Larsson - www.primeurs.tv - April 2013

93 *Pure and precise nose with layers of elegant fruit, crisp and dense palate with elegant fruit, fine oak, layers of fruit, mineral fruit and a very long, juicy, bright finish; stylish.*

Markus Del Monego - www.primeurs.tv - April 2013

93 *Bright yellow with green hue. Clean nose with excellent fruit, mature yellow fruit, tropical fruit, pineapple, and grapefruit, very juicy. On the palate well expressed juicy character and very good length.*