



RED

2022

Château Malartic-Lagravière

BLEND

Cabernet-Sauvignon 53%
Merlot 43%
Petit-Verdot 2,5%
Cabernet-Franc 1,5%

DATES OF HARVESTS

Merlot
September 5 to 15
Cabernet-Sauvignon
September 19 to 29
Cabernet-Franc
September 19
Petit-Verdot
September 19

THE DOMAINE

Classified Growth of Graves in red and white
Pessac-Léognan Appellation (A.O.C.)

Owner Bonnie Family

Total area (A.O.C.) 73 hectares (180 acres)

Total area in red 66 hectares (163 acres)

Geology Quaternary Günzian well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil

Grape varieties 56% Merlot - 41% Cabernet-Sauvignon - 2,5% Petit-Verdot - 0,5% Cabernet-Franc

Density of plantation 10 000 plants / ha

Average age of the vineyard 28 years old

Vineyard Management Agroecology, plant cover, eco-pasture, minimal ploughing, with horses.

Pruning method Late pruning, in double Guyot

TECHNICAL

Certifications Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification 3 Opt A, ISO 14001 (EMS)

Harvest Manual harvest by intra-plot passes, double sorting tables, optical sorting (X-tri)

Vinification Double cap, thermoregulated stainless steel and oak vats

Vat period 20 days

Yields 27 hl/ha

Ageing Early blending, traditional on fine lees in French oak barrels, 60% new oak

Ageing period In process

Enologiste Consultant Eric Boissenot



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THE VINTAGE

An astonishingly resilient vintage with a truly exceptional quality.

A magnificent vintage that, contrarily to expectations, triumphed over spring frosts, drought and heatwaves to **offer superb balance, density and freshness.**

This was a year in which the terroir demonstrated its extraordinary capacity for **resilience** when it is well cared for and the surrounding ecosystem is preserved. While, at the end of August, the gardens and trees were already showing signs of fatigue and losing their leaves due to 2022's four heatwaves and exceptional drought, the vines remained green and in excellent health.

To protect them against such extreme conditions, we have been practising **preventive measures** for several years, such as late pruning, plant cover and relatively little tillage. The vineyard was managed very carefully during July and August, by spraying calcium and clay, to give the vines relief from the heat, and aeration of the foliage around the bunches, but without thinning the leaves so as keep some protection against the sun.

The harvests, which began on 24 August for the whites, progressed quickly without any problems, and

the last rows of Cabernet Sauvignon were picked on 29 September.

Although early, the vintage nevertheless produced **perfectly ripe grapes**, which offered superb structure.

The whites display great finesse, airiness and **surprising freshness**. They are **very elegant**, the Sauvignons are particularly expressive with an excellent tight structure. The very precise vinification and the gentle barrel-ageing have enabled a bright, lively character to be highlighted.

For the reds, the key to this vintage lies firstly in the **exceptional maturity of Malartic's Cabernet grapes**. This allowed us to obtain sumptuous wines with superb substance and a silky texture supported by a dense structure. **Malartic 2022's tannic balance** is thus particularly interesting: With plenty of freshness, the slender Merlot brings volume and softness. The spectacular Petit Verdot, with remarkable fruitiness and creaminess, contributes with the Cabernet Franc to a global freshness and aromatic richness.

Malartic 2022 reveals **tremendous harmony** and silkiness, accompanied by very elegant, finely textured tannins, **worthy the greatest vintages.**



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PRESS REVIEW

Jamessuckling.com – James Suckling - BORDEAUX EN PRIMEUR REPORT: 'ASTONISHING' 2022 SETS A NEW BENCHMARK – April 2022

95-96

This is very, very fine with wonderfully polished tannins that are silky in texture. It's medium-to full-bodied with lovely length, lasting a minute or two. Hints of crushed stone and fine sea salt. Finesse with structure. Could move up a notch with the élevage. 53% cabernet sauvignon, 43% merlot, 2.5% petit verdot, and 1.5% cabernet franc.

Alexandra MA – Bordeaux 2022 En Primeur – 05/2023

95-96

Though Château Malartic-Lagravière's production was limited, the quality is undoubtedly exceptional. Their wines are renowned for their sweetness and vibrance even when young. But in 2022, it builds upon this foundation by incorporating greater depth and intensity, much like a piece of obsidian shrouded in a mysterious glow. It may seem understated, yet very dynamic. If the structure remains balanced after bottling, it has the potential to become one of the most outstanding vintages in its history.

Vinous – Antonio Galloni - 2022 Bordeaux En Primeur : balance imbalance

94-96.5

The 2022 Malartic Lagraviere exudes class. Bright, layered and

wonderfully vibrant, the 2022 is so alive. Rose petals, lavender, crushed rocks, mint and red/purplish fruit race across the palate. All the elements are so well balanced. Malartic-Lagraviere has all the potential to be one of the great wines of the year. This is a fabulous showing. Tasted two times.

Lisa Perotti Brown – 2022 Primeurs – 05/2023

94-96

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2022 Malartic Lagraviere Rouge charges out with profound notes of creme de cassis, chocolate-covered cherries, and plum preserves, followed by suggestions of garrigue and unsmoked cigars. The full-bodied palate is taut with dense, muscular black fruits, supported by firm, rounded tannins and just enough freshness, finishing with great length.

Neal Martin – You're Unbelievable : Bordeaux 2022 - 05/2023

93-95

The 2022 Malartic-Lagravière was picked 5 to 29 September at 27hL/ha and matured in 60% new oak. Blackberry, iodine and incense aromas unfurl in the glass, nicely focused and delineated, quite airy in style. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins. Cohesive and powdery in texture, with black fruit, crushed stone and light ash-like notes toward the finish. This is an excellent, quite "swarthy"

Malartic that will age with style, though it will only repay the patient.

Jeb Dunnuck – Bordeaux 2022 En Primeur – 05/2023

93-95

The 2022 Château Malartic-Lagravière does incredibly well in the vintage and offers a beautiful sense of freshness and elegance while still staying concentrated and textured. A blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, and the balance Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc, it has an up-front, expressive style in its red and blue fruits as well as spring flower, tobacco, and graphite-like aromatics. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has ripe, polished tannins, fabulous overall balance, and a great finish. The purity and precision here are top-notch.

Jancisrobinson.com – Jancis Robinson - Bordeaux 2022 – left-bank reds

16.5+

53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Cabernet Franc. Cask sample. Bright, healthy crimson. Rather polished and luscious in texture with very refined tannins and an impressive fruit/acidity balance. Not heavy but certainly harmonious. Drink 2027 – 2042

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Chris Kissack – BORDEAUX 2022 PRIMEURS: PESSAC-LÉOGNAN – 05/2023 93-95

The 2022 from this estate is 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2.5% Petit Verdot and 1.5% Cabernet Franc, picked at a yield of just 27 hl/ha. A rather open, sweet and expressive nose, with perfumed black cherry, blackberry and currant fruits, with suggestions of dark and sooty tannins. The palate shows real texture, cohesion and harmony, with a velvety wrapping of damson, currant and black bean, touched with sage and slate, around a core of nicely buried tannins. This holds together very well, the structure rich but nicely polished and tight-knit. This is a success for the vintage, for sure. Absolutely delicious, in fact. 93-95/100

Jane Anson – En Primeur 2022 Left Bank – 05/2023 96

Deep plum colour, plush damson and black cherry, with a well textured grain to the tannins that stops things being overly sweet. This is a brilliant Malartic-Lagravière, just absolutely hits the spot between excess and restraint, so much detail and concentration to the fruit, and it manages to pull up just short of too much, delivering a cooler blueberry and mint leaf exit that draws things out through the palate and opens things up for a smoky woodfire soot edge. Total class.

Georgie Hindle - Decanter 96

Round, concentrated, vibrant and dynamic, a lovely burst of intense red and black fruits before quite serious tannins take hold in the mouth. Fine but full, they give the frame and the structure, setting the tone for a serious wine while the fruit and freshness softly expand giving an aerial element to the finish. A lovely wine with intensity and detail, not the most demonstrative or juicy and appealing right now, but really well made and delivered. Supple, bright, chalky, chewy, this wine has intensity and precision. A little bit serious towards the end, the fruit just losing some focus, where it becomes more about the tannins and freshness but lots to like here with good potential. 1.5% Cabernet Franc. A yield 27hl/ha. HVE3 certified.

Olivier Bompass & Jacques Dupont – Bordeaux primeurs 2022 : crus classés de pessac-léognan – 26/05/2023 17.5

Jean-Jacques Bonnie, copropriétaire : « Début août, les arbres commençaient à défolier et la vigne restait verte. Durant la campagne, on s'est dit : quand est-ce que ça va lâcher ? Et puis... jamais. La vigne n'a pas bloqué ! On a fait des cuvaisons plus courtes. « 53 % cabernet-sauvignon, 43 % merlot, 2,5 % petit-verdot, 1,5 % cabernet franc.

17,5 - Nez frais, fruits rouges, mûre, mentholé, cerise, bouche charnue,

tannins poudrés, serrés, bonne fraîcheur, bien bâti, profond, long, relevé. O = 2032 G = 25 ans

Ella Lister & Béatrice Delamotte – Bordeaux en primeur 2022 : nos 15 vins rouges coups de coeur à Pessac-Léognan pour tous les budgets – 05/2023 92-94

Les épices charment dès les premiers effluves, avant que les fruits rouges n'apportent leur juteux. La bouche est divine, fraîche et enveloppante, extrêmement gourmande en finale grâce au jus de cassis qui apporte un côté énergique qui relève l'ensemble.

Tim Atkin – Bordeaux 2022 – 05/2023 93

Saturated and intense aromas of sweet-pea and violet. Intense and inviting. Very rich and concentrated flavours in the mouth with a palate-flooding texture, silky rather than creamy, tight grainy tannins, exuberant black fruit and some smoke. Good length and very complete. Terrific wine.

Xavier Lacombe – Primeurs 2022 Bordeaux Scores – 05/2023 96

Yves Beck – 1000 primeurs 2022 en ligne – 05/2023 94-96

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Belle notion de précision dans le bouquet de Malartic avec une fusion parfaitement réussie entre fraîcheur, fruit et fleurs. Ainsi, je relève de parfums de graphite et de pivoines complétées par une touche de mûres. En bouche, le vin mise sur la densité, mais pas l'exubérance. Il a de l'ampleur sans être opulent et il dispose de tannins aux grains fins qui offrent du charme et de la puissance. Un vin gourmand, puissant et ambitieux. 2028-2047 94-96/100

**Matthew Jukes – Matthew Jukes
Bordeaux En Primeur vintage
report 2022 – 05/2023
16.5+**

Malartic loves oak and, finally, in 2022 there is enough fruit to support its ambitious oak desires. This makes it a full-bodied, powerful and rather sour wine, but it just about works and this makes it a wine for the long term and one for lovers of extreme carpentry! 16.5+

**Quarin.com – Jean Marc Quarin –
Bordeaux primeurs 2022
95 // 17.5**

Couleur pourpre et noire. Nez intense, fin, fruité, mûr, subtil, vanillé et noble. Toute la suavité de l'année est là. Gras en entrée de bouche, très aromatique au milieu, le vin évolue complet et fondant, avec la grâce onctueuse du millésime. Grande finale sur le fruit noir. Tannicité raffinée. C'est superbe !

Assemblage : 53 % cabernet sauvignon, 43 % merlot, 2,4 % petit verdot, 1,5 % cabernet franc. 2035 – 2060

**Will Gardener & Callum – 2022
Bordeaux Vintage report –
22/05/2023
92-94**

Very deep, high toned as expected, ripe but pure, the palate is nicely cool here, the fruit wraps the palate well, good defence here against a fuller structure. This is one of the best in the tasting. 92-94

**RVF – Pierre citerne – Primeurs
Pessac-Leognan**

93-95 La teinte est soutenue, le nez flatteur, disert, relevé par de belles notes florales et épicées. La bouche se montre distinguée et pleine d'entrain, peu acide pourtant ; elle se développe en souplesse, au fil d'une allonge pleine jusqu'en finale. Malartic atteint en 2022 un très bel équilibre entre plénitude et élégance du toucher, avec déjà un sens de l'amabilité : tout ce que l'on attend d'un cru classé de Graves.

**Terre de Vins
93-94**

Avec ses quatre cépages (cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot et cabernet franc), sa robe éclatante, il déroule un nez expressif de cake aux fruits confits, mêlant épices, beurre et fruits rouges.

Belle attaque, ample et savoureuse, une jolie charge tannique, bien dosée, juteuse, des tanins sculptés et polis, une finale ferme.

**robertparker.com - Yohan Casting
- France, Bordeaux: No Smoke
Without Fire – En Primeur 2022 –
April 2022
91-93**

A blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2.5% Petit Verdot and 1.5% Cabernet Franc, the 2022 Malartic Lagravière reveals aromas of cassis, blueberry, spices, graphite and menthol. Medium to full-bodied, round and concentrated with structuring tannins, it's a dense, powerful, demonstrative Malartic Lagravière.



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