



# WHITE 2022

## Château Malartic-Lagravière

### BLEND

Sauvignon 76%  
Sémillon 24%

### DATES OF HARVESTS

Sauvignon  
August 24 to September 1  
Sémillon  
August 31

### 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 white** 7 hectares (17 acres)

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

**Grape varieties** 78% Sauvignon – 22% Sémillon

**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 successive passes

**Vinification** Inerted slow pressing, fermentation in oak barrels

**Yields** 18 hl/ha

**Ageing** On lees, bâtonnage in French oak barrels (Bordeaux barrels, burgundy “Pièces”, 500 liters “futs” barrels). 50% new oak.

**Ageing period** In process

**œnologue Consultant** Eric Boissenot



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*Famille A&M Bonnie*

## 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 to 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

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### **Jeb Dunnuck – Bordeaux 2022 En Primeur – 05/2023 94-97**

Up with the crème de la crème, the 2022 Château Malartic-Lagravière Blanc is based on 76% Sauvignon Blanc and 24% Sémillon, all of which is still aging in 50% new French oak. It has an incredible bouquet of honeyed citrus, grapefruit, and flowers to go with medium to full-bodied richness and depth on the palate. It's concentrated, has a great texture, nicely integrated acidity, and a brilliant finish. Yields here were a miniscule 18 hectoliters per hectare, and the Grand Vin is a selection of only 44% of the total production.

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### **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.

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### **Alexandra MA – Bordeaux 2022 En Primeur – 05/2023 94-95**

The wine glass radiates waves of pure aromas, as if you're

scooping up an assortment of fruits from a clear blue swimming pool: papaya, Buddha's hand, grapefruit, green pineapple, beeswax, and tangerines, quickly amassing a sizeable collection. Château Malartic-Lagravière's 2022 white wine boasts a rich and rounded body, steeped in depth and character, concluding with a subtle touch of saltiness. This exquisite balance of sweetness and saltiness sets a unique standard in 2022, marking it as one of the exceptional white wines of the year.

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### **Xavier Lacombe – Primeurs 2022 Bordeaux Scores – 05/2023 96-97**

### **Lisa Perotti Brown – 2022 Primeurs – 05/2023 92-94**

The 2022 Malartic Lagraviere Blanc needs a little swirling to unlock notes of Golden Delicious apples, white peaches, and fresh straw, leading to hints of coriander seed and white pepper. The medium-bodied palate coats the mouth with expressive apple and pear flavors, framed by seamless freshness, finishing long and spicy.

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### **Neal Martin – You're Unbelievable : Bordeaux 2022 - 05/2023 91-93**

The 2022 Malartic-Lagravière blanc was cropped at 18hL/ha between 24 August and 1

September, aged in 50% new oak. Pressed dried flowers on the nose, scents of dandelion and yellow plum, a touch of fennel coming through with time. The palate is well balanced with a pithy opening, nutty and smoky in style, good depth with that nutty finish offering noticeable salinity. Very fine

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### **Olivier Bompass & Jacques Dupont – Bordeaux primeurs 2022 : crus classés de pessac- léognan – 26/05/2023 16/16.5**

76 % sauvignon, 24 % sémillon.  
16/16,5 - Aromatique, orange, beaucoup de fraîcheur, bouche harmonieuse, finale saline, épices.  
O = 2026 G = 10 ans

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### **Jane Anson – En Primeur 2022 Left Bank – 05/2023 94**

Pale gold, excellent grip, white pear and citrus, luscious lemon and green apple, this is a good walking the line between full exotic fruits and fleshier green apple and sage. Great stuff from this excellent property.

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### **Georgie Hindle 94**

Herbal and aromatic on the nose, expressive and engaging. Full, round and energetic, a lovely frame and texture to this, lovely licks of lemon, grapefruit, pear, apricot, some bitter lemon rind giving accents and a gorgeous



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persistence, not so vibrant, but there's underlying acidity that keeps the lift and it's so well controlled and confident. Really feels very precise and delineated, polished and structured, still with some spice giving some tension but this is really lovely. Complete and characterful. A yield of 18hl/ha.

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### **Yvesbeck.com – Yves Beck**

**94**

Flowers, white chocolate, pineapple, spice, papaya, white peach, and orange scents are easy to pick up on the nose. On the palate, the wine is fresh, sweet, and fruity leaving you with creamy yellow citrus, grapefruit and white peach notes. The wine blends 76% Sauvignon Blanc with 24% Semillon. The harvest took place August 24 - September 1. 14.56% ABV, pH3.29. Drink from 2025-2032.

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### **Quarin.com – Jean Marc Quarin – Bordeaux primeurs 2022**

**94 // 17**

Couleur jaune pâle. Nez intense, fin, au fruité mûr et subtil. Nuances de fleurs et de miel. Délicat en entrée de bouche, très minutieux au toucher, avec un corps fondant, le vin évolue séveux et suave en même temps, sur une longue finale caressante. C'est très bon. Assemblage : 76 % sauvignon blanc, 24 % sémillon.

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### **Terre de Vins**

**93**

Nez expressif et frais, beurré,

plutôt sur les agrumes. Il surprend en bouche avec une attaque d'une grande sucrosité, sur une matière très ronde, déroulant les agrumes confits, le bonbon bergamote, opulent, solaire et sans trame acide exacerbée. Un style personnel, classique, facile à partager

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### **Tim Atkin – Bordeaux 2022 – 05/2023**

**91**

Unlike the second wine, Le Comte, this has richer and more intense citrus aromas with some waxed lemon and grapefruit zest. There is also the beginning of spices from oak. It has an atypically high level of acidity for the vintage, but this is really in its favour as it complements the depth of creamy citrus fruit flavours. A lovely well textured silky finish completes the picture. Very good.

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

**91-93**

Toujours nettement dominé par le sauvignon (76 %) le blanc de Malartic-Lagravière offre un profil d'emblée très aromatique, miellé, floral, suggérant l'acacia et le chèvrefeuille. Le toucher de bouche reprend la flatteuse suavité des arômes. Très amène, savoureux, long, élégant, le vin semble disposé à séduire précocement.

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

### **2022 – April 2022**

**90-92**

A strong effort, the 2022 Malartic Lagravière Blanc reveals aromas of Anjou pear, spring flowers, verbena, linden and mint, followed by a medium to full-bodied palate with good depth and flesh. Fresh and racy, this will offer a broad drinking window.

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