



22 September 2011

Château Malartic-Lagravière Red 2008

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

Vintage

A surprising vintage! There was considerable concern after the cool, wet summer but a wonderful September completely reversed the situation. Due to the excellent conditions in the Malartic vineyard, the grapes were able to reach the desired levels of ripeness. The result was incredible densities, also due to the very low yields, which were another feature of the 2008 vintage.

Harvest period

Merlots	From 6 to 23 october 2008
Cabernets	From 17 to 23 october 2008



Blend

Cabernet Sauvignon	55%
Merlot	38%
Cabernet Franc	5%
Petit Verdot	2%

Technical Data

Total area (A.O.C.)	53 hectares
Area in red (A.O.C.)	46 hectares
Géology	Well-drained gravels and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil
Grape varieties	45% Merlot – 45% Cabernet Sauvignon – 8% Cabernet Franc – 2% Petit Verdot
Density of plantation	10 000 plants / ha
Pruning method	Guyot double
Average yield	28 hl/ha
Vinification	Thermoregulated stainless steel or oak vats
Fermentation	30 to 35 days - 28 à 30° C
Ageing	Traditional oak barrels: 70% new oak
Ageing period	18 months
Oenologist Consultants	Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Crimson colour with pronounced hints of black. The nose is powerful, complex and elegant. Beautiful aromas of dark fruit develop, while at the same time maintaining a hint of minerality. A refined, elegant woodiness adds complexity.

On the palate, the attack is generous, full-bodied and rich. The wine evolves in the mouth with red and dark fruit and notes of smoke, creating a pleasant complexity.

This is complemented by a beautiful tight, racy tannic structure, which develops with great density and elegance. With its superb balance and purity of flavours, this wine is typical of the quality and personality of Château Malartic-Lagravière in the years that have an exceptional potential to age.



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abv: 14%

Price: \$40