



February 2023

Le Comte de Malartic Red 2019

*2nd wine of Château Malartic-Lagravière
Pessac-Léognan Appellation*

Vintage

A vintage with all the characteristics of the great years

The vintage's freshness and balance are combined with dazzling fruit and a velvety texture.

This vintage was characterized by rather extreme weather conditions. The spring was particularly wet, but a window of clement weather at the end of May-early June enabled **good flowering**. July brought **two heatwaves**, in both cases followed by some **beneficial rain**. The summer was sunny with a classic Bordeaux August. **A superb late season** enabled the Cabernets' tannins to continue to ripen and reach optimal maturity.

The **white wines present exceptional quality**. The cool August produced superbly balanced grapes, highlighting their aromatic profiles. **The grandiose reds** have two phases of maturity: **The Merlots**, with the dry and warm June and July, are **fleshy, round and aromatic**. After the rains at the end of September, the **Cabernets** finish refining their tannins, preserving the freshness and thus offering **extraordinary complexity, sap and silkiness**.

There was a **significant turning point** in the work at Malartic this year. From the harvest dates to the ageing of the wines, everything was done to preserve, more than ever, the distinctive character of each micro terroir, the brilliance of the grapes and their different flavours. In the winery, this range was expressed with **delicacy and precision** through an extremely rigorous selection at the presses and early blending.

The freshness and the balance of this vintage combine with the brilliance of the fruit and velvety texture, with a ample yet complex tannic structure, reflecting the **true signature of Malartic's terroir**.

Harvest period

Merlots
Cabernet-Sauvignon
Petit-Verdot

September, 17th to 30th, 2019
October 1th to 11th, 2019
October 1st & 2nd, 2019

Blend

Merlot
Cabernet-Sauvignon
Petit-Verdot

82,6%
12,3%
5,1%

Technical data

Total area (A.O.C.)
Area in red (A.O.C.)
Geology

73 hectares
66 hectares
Quaternary Günzian well-drained gravels
and clay gravels on shelly limestone and clay subsoil
56% Merlot - 39% Cabernet-Sauvignon
3% Cabernet-Franc - 2% Petit-Verdot

Grape varieties

Density of plantation
Pruning method
Harvesting

10 000 plants/ha
Guyot double
Manual harvest by intra-plot passes, double sorting tables
Sustainable farming, High Environmental Value certification*,
ISO 14001 (EMS)

Average yield
Vinification
Fermentation
Ageing

46 hl/ha
Double cap, thermoregulated stainless steel and oak vats
21 to 23 days
Early blending, traditional on fine lees in french oak
barrels, 25 % New oak

Ageing period
Oenologist Consultants

16 months
Eric Boissenot



**(HVE, level 3 (the highest) since 2015. A unique reference of environmental quality, prioritizing biodiversity inside and all-around plots.)*



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Grand Cru Classé de Graves en Rouge et en Blanc
Presented to the media in Spring 2021 under the name of
La Réserve de Malartic Red

Revue de Presse

JamesSuckling.com – James Suckling – Mai 2020

93-94 This has tile, stone and dusty-soil character to the dark fruit and plums. It's full-bodied and extremely refined with beautiful tannins and fruit. Currants and light chocolate at the end. Second wine.

Markus Del Monego – Juin 2020

92 Dark purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Aromatic nose with distinct character, aroma reminiscent of ripe blackcurrant, blackberries, graphite and hints of flintstone. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins, fresh acidity, crisp berry fruit and very good length, a well balanced wine.

Decanter – Jane Anson – Juin 2020

92 A lovely 2nd wine, soft grilled caramel around the edges of plump black fruits, well judged extraction and great freshness through the palate. No need to wait to enjoy this as the tannins are so carefully integrated, but it still has impact and elegance, and a real reminder of the first wine. Drinking Window 2023 – 2038.

Alexandrema.com – Alexandre Ma – Mars 2022

91 This wine retains a gentle smile from the start. Fresh-squeezed strawberry and juicy cherry intertwine on the palate, with soft tannins and a smooth structure, it is a very friendly Pessac-Léognan that you can drink on top.

Decanter.com – Georgina Hindle – Janvier 2022

91 Full of bramble fruit, fresh and expressive on the nose, smells rich and ripe with the softest hint of perfume. Unfussy, fruit to the fore, with a brightness to the blackcurrant and red cherry fruit. A subtle creaminess, too, which lends definition and texture. Good acidity with freshness and life. Some dryness to the tannins at the end. Drinking Window 2023 - 2036

Wine Cellar Insider – Jeff Leve – Mars 2021

90 Medium-bodied, forward, fresh, vibrant, juicy red berries are front and center here. This will be perfect on release. Enjoy it while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop.

LePoint.fr – Jacques Dupont + Olivier Bompas – Bordeaux 2019 – Octobre 2020

14,5/15 Nez fin, fruits noirs, frais, onctueux, finale relevée, un peu poivrée, tanins serrés.

Vinous.com – Antonio Galloni – Février 2022

90 The 2019 La Réserve de Malartic is a soft, charming wine to drink now and over the next handful of years. Succulent red cherry, spice, dried leaves, tobacco, blood orange and incense give the 2019 lovely complexity to match its mid-weight personality.

Vinous.com – Neal Martin – Février 2022

90 The 2019 **La Réserve de Malartic** (incidentally, the last under this name, as it will change next vintage) has closed down a little since I last tasted it, but still offers the same blackberry and blueberry scents. It will reopen with bottle age. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and quite fleshy thanks to the Merlot, not as creamy in texture but finely delineated toward the finish.



TheWineDoctor.com – Chris Kissack – Juin 2020

89-91 This is a blend of 82.6% Merlot, picked September 17th to the 30th, 12.3% Cabernet Sauvignon, picked October 1st to the 11th, and 5.1% Petit Verdot, picked October 1st and 2nd. It has a fresh and translucent cherry red hue, and the nose follows on with this theme, with red cherry fruits and a little dusty redcurrant. A fresh, crisp, perfumed character to the palate, the dark cherry and cranberry fruits swirled in a very soft bed of tannin which gives it a gentle grip, persisting in the lightly grained finish. Nice cedary approachability here. Give it a year or two and this will be drinking well.

JebDunnuck.com – Jeb Dunnuck – Juin 2020

89-91 I was able to taste two reds from this estate. The second wine 2019 is a medium-bodied, elegant, silky wine that's already hard to resist. Plenty of black raspberry and cassis fruits, a touch of gravelly earth and tobacco, medium-bodied richness, and moderate length all make for a charming 2019 that's ideal for drinking while you wait on the grand vin. An extremely tasty, attractive second wine, with plenty of juice running through those cassis fruits. It tapers off through the finish but you can see the link to the grand vin. Drinking Window 2022 – 2031.

Wine Cellar Insider – Jeff Leve – Juin 2020

89-91 Medium-bodied, soft, round and forward with a sweet, fresh, fruity palate that is perfect for restaurants and near term drinking. 89-91 Pts

WineAdvocate.com – Lisa Perrotti Brown – Juin 2020

88-90 The 2019 is a blend of 82.6% Merlot, 12.3% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5.1% Petit Verdot, harvested from the 17th of September to the 11th of October. The wine is aging in French oak barrels, 25% new, for approximately 15 months. Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, it opens with invigorating notes of black raspberries, kirsch and wild blueberries with hints of hoisin sauce, potpourri and garrigue. Medium to full-bodied, the palate delivers mouth-coating juicy black and blue fruits with a pleasant chewiness to the texture and just enough freshness, finishing savory.

Falstaff.at – Peter Moser – Juin 2020

91 Dunkles Rubingranat, violette Reflexe, dezente Randaufhellung. Feines Cassis, zart nach Dille, ein Hauch von amerikanischer Eiche, Mandarinenzesten. Straff, elegant, eingelegte Kirschen, lebendig strukturiert, zartes Nougat im Abgang, ein vielseitiger Speisenbegleiter.

Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, subtle brightening of the edges. Fine cassis, delicate like dille, a hint of American oak, tangerine zest. Firm, elegant, pickled cherries, lively structure, delicate nougat in the finish, a versatile accompaniment to dishes.

Vinaria – Bordeaux en Primeur 2019 Frucht, Kraft und Rasse - April 2020

******* Würzig, warm-röstige Frucht mit Noten nach Eisen, viel Ribiseln, Unterholz und Pilze, etwas deftig, wird klarer, Maulbeeren; saftig, elegant, viel Frucht, kräftig mit Schliff, elegante Fruchtsüße, mittelgewichtig, ansprechend, anschmiegsam, unkompliziert.

Spicy, warmed roasted fruit with notes of metal, lots of red currant, forest floor and mushrooms, somewhat savory, become clearer, mulberries; juicy, elegant, lots of fruit, with a long aftertaste, elegant fruity sweetness, medium-weight, appealing, cuddly,

YvesBeck.Wine – Yves Beck – Juin 2020

87-88 Rouge grenat. Bonne intensité fruitée et beaucoup de fraîcheur dans le bouquet de ce vin. En bouche l'attaque est friande et juteuse. Le vin a du pep, de la légèreté et pourra déjà être apprécié dans sa jeunesse. Sa structure lui donne une touche vive, rafraîchissante et soutient l'expression fruitée en finale. 2022-2027.