



September 2013

La Réserve de Malartic Red 2009 *2nd wine of Château Malartic-Lagravière* **Classified Growth of Graves in Red and in White**

Vintage

The 2009 vintage benefited from excellent, if not perfect conditions! The winter and spring were dry and mild. Flowering was uniform and exceptionally fast with all varieties flowering in late May, resulting in a harmonious start of the ripening phase. Such a combination of positive factors – a prerequisite for the composition of refined, elegant tannins - (uniform veraison, sunshine and warmth offset by cool nights, and perfect humidity) has not been seen for 30 years, particularly during the crucial months of August, September and early October!

Reinforced by the growing techniques practised since 1997 at the Château (sustainable farming, monitoring of the ripeness plot-by-plot, minimum use of treatment, etc...) the Malartic-Lagravière 2009, both Red and White, have huge potential, and will undoubtedly develop over many glorious years.

Harvest period

Merlot From 24 september to 15 october 2009
Cabernets From 7 to 15 october 2009

Blend

Merlot 50 %
Cabernet Sauvignon 45 %
Cabernet Franc 5 %



Technical data

Appellation (A.O.C.) Pessac-Léognan
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 38 hl/ha
Vinification Thermoregulated stainless steel or oak vats
Fermentation 4 weeks and half - 28 to 30° C
Ageing period 15 months
Oenologist Consultants Michel Rolland & Athanase Fakorellis

Tasting

Fine nose of well-ripened black fruit. The attack is vigorous and yet smooth, the palate develops with great suppleness, offering beautiful aromas of black fruit and spices with a delicate, elegant smokiness. This is a very full-bodied wine, with perfect structure and tight, velvety tannins. Excellent length and a long finish demonstrate this wine's great stature. A tremendous success in an outstanding vintage.





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Press Release

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La Réserve de Malartic, Le Sillage rouge 2009 est très réussi, tout en couleur et en matière, aux senteurs de groseille et d'épices, de bouche riche, un vin complexe, charnu et souple à la fois, de très bonne évolution.

Alain Marty - Le guide des vins du Wine & Business Club 2013 - Septembre 2012 **16.5**

Guide de la Revue du Vin de France - Le Guide des meilleurs vins de France 2013 - Septembre 2012

14.5 « ...Profitez du délicieux et accessible second vin, La Réserve. C'est un vin de plaisir agréablement boisé et séducteur.

Andreas Larsson - Tasted - April 2012

91.5 *Young and intense nose, some roasted oak and a plethora of dark berries, some spicy and herbal notes too, it has medium weight but good density on the palate with inky fruit, high freshness and fine tannic backbone, attractive and pure finish, very elegant.*

Markus del Monego - Tasted - April 2012

91.5 *Dark purple red with violet hue and almost black character. Ripe dark berries, black cherries and sweet plum in combination with vanilla and roasted aromas. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins and juicy fruit. Soft style.*