

# Château Malartic-Lagravière Rouge



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**Millésime** 2014

**Domein:** Château Malartic-Lagravière

Eind 1996, na een passage bij het Champagnhuis Laurent Perrier, besluiten Alfred-Alexandre en Michèle Bonnie een andere koers te varen: het Belgische koppel neemt Château Malartic-Lagravière over. Ze zorgen onmiddellijk voor een grondige metamorphose. In 2003 worden ze hierin bijgestaan door hun zoon Jean-Jacques en zijn vrouw Séverine. Enkele jaren later stappen ook hun oudste dochter Véronique, samen met haar man Bruno, mee in het project. Het domein is hiermee in goede handen.

**Oppervlakte:** 53 ha

**Druivensoorten:** 52% Cabernet Sauvignon  
40% Merlot  
5% cabernet Franc  
3% Petit Verdot

**Bodem:** kiezelhoudende bodem en klei,  
ondergrond van fossiele kalksteen en klei.

**Dichtheid van de  
beplanting:** 10000/ha

**Gemiddelde leeftijd  
van de beplanting:** 31 jaar

**Rijping:** 18 maand op eikenhouten vaten waarvan  
70% nieuwe vaten.

**Alcoholgehalte:** 13,5%

**Beschikbare volumes:** 0,75L

**Verpakking:** CB6

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**Superficie:** 53 ha

**Cépages:**  
52% Cabernet Sauvignon  
40% Merlot  
5% cabernet Franc  
3% Petit Verdot

**Sol:**  
Graves sèches et argileuses, sous-sol de calcaire coquillé et veines d'argiles.

**Densité de la plantation:** 10000/ha

**Âge Moyen des vignes:** 31 ans

**Elevage:** 18 mois en barriques dont 70% neuves

**Taux d'alcool:** 13,5%

**Volumes disponibles:** 0,75L

**Conditionnement:** CB6

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SCORES - 2014

30/11/2017 JEB DUNNUCK (JEB DUNNUCK) : 91 / 100



A terrific success in the vintage, the 2014 Chateau Malartic-Lagraviere is a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot that was brought up in 70% new oak. Hitting 13.5% natural alcohol, it offers a vibrant ruby/purple color as well as vibrant aromatics of cherries, mulberries, red plums, exotic flowers, and lead pencil shavings. Medium-bodied and beautifully polished and elegant, with solid acidity, it's a juicy, vibrant, fresh 2014 that's going to drink nicely for 15-20 years.

31/03/2017 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 92 / 100



The 2014 Malartic-Lagraviere had quite a high-toned, upfront bouquet with kirsch, crushed strawberry, iodine and iris scents that do not hold back. The palate is rounded on the entry with supple tannin, possesses slightly lower acidity than its peers yet remains balanced. There is impressive depth to this Malartic-Lagravière with a subtle white pepper/sage note towards the finish. Though it will be overshadowed by the 2015, this is a well-crafted Pessac-Léognan with the chutzpah that it showed in barrel.

16/02/2017 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 94 / 100



So perfumed with a freshness and beauty that is amazing. Blackberries, black cherries and violets. Full-bodied yet so polished and velvety. Gorgeous finish. A beauty. Best ever in bottle from here? Drink in 2020.

09/02/2017 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 91 / 100



Very solid, with a core of dark plum, blackberry and fig preserve notes held in check by tarry grip. Ample singed apple wood and cocoa elements form the frame. Give this time to meld fully. Best from 2019 through 2026. 9,167 cases made.

06/02/2017 VINOUS (ANTONIO GALLONI) : 94 / 100



The 2014 Malartic-Lagravière is a gorgeous wine, but it is also flamboyant and exotic, especially in its flavor profile. Super-ripe red cherry and plum make a strong first impression. Sweet floral and spice notes, along with ripe, silky tannins, add to the wine's sensuality. A rich, powerful wine with soft contours and striking depth, the 2014 is a real beauty. It will be even more compelling once the new oak tannins soften a bit further. The blend is 52 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 40 % Merlot, 5 % Cabernet Franc and 3 % Petit Verdot. Tasted two times. 94+

21/05/2015 LE POINT (JACQUES DUPONT) : 16 / 20



Nez feuillage, pivoine, bouche tannique, serrée, tendue, un peu séché par le bois à ce stade mais bonne matière derrière.

11/05/2015 VINOUS (ANTONIO GALLONI) : 91-94 / 100



Exotic and powerful to the core, the 2014 Malartic-Lagravière boasts considerable power allied to a real sense of tension. Scents of lavender, mint, herbs, crushed flowers and rose petal lead to a core of super-ripe plums and hard candy as this ample, bold wine shows its compelling personality. Bright floral notes add a little extra aromatic lift to the structured finish. The 2014 is going to need time to fully come together, but is impressive. The blend is 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot.

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05/05/2015 THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE) : 91-92 / 100



Plush, polished and lush with richness, concentration and a silky, round, fruit-filled finish. 91-92 Pts

30/04/2015 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 91-93 / 100



The Château Malartic-Lagravière 2014 is a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot, representing just 42% of the crop. Yields came in at 42 hectoliters per hectare and the wine underwent a 28 cuvaison. Matured in 70% new oak, it has quite a rich bouquet with blackberry and iodine scents, well defined and turning quite floral with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with bold, ripe tannins, good depth of fruit with tarry, structured finish. It is a bold Malartic with a bit ofchutzpah, though I suspect that it will mellow and attain more finesse with a few years in bottle.

22/04/2015 JANCIS ROBINSON (JANCIS ROBINSON) : 16 / 20



Particularly dark crimson. Somehow gives the impression that there are lots of hidden depths. But just a little sour with marked acidity. Rigorous and bone dry, with very drying tannins on the end. Some green vegy character towards the end. Drink 2023-2036 (16+)

20/04/2015 ASIAN PALATE (JEANNIE CHO LEE MW) : 90-91 / 100



Flavors are very ripe and almost jammy on the nose with the palate that is chunky and quite dense. There is immense intensity here that will take years for the components to weave together. Right now the wine is youthful and intense and the fruit is ripe and spicy.

17/04/2015 DECANTER.COM (JANE ANSON) : 18 / 20



Clear breeding and ambition. Damson, pencil lead and wet stones on the nose, full extraction, more so than many others but without losing a sense of vibrancy and grip. This is excellent within the context of the vintage, a real sense of floating above the tannins, one to wait for. 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot. Drink: 2023-2040 (93)

10/04/2015 JAMES SUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 93-94 / 100



This already shows beautiful aromas of blackberries, wet earth, stones and spices. Full-bodied yet polished and refined with a lovely fine tannin texture. Shows wonderful finesse.

07/04/2015 TIMATKIN.COM (TIM ATKIN MW) : 91 / 100



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01/04/2015 **RENÉ GABRIEL (RENÉ GABRIEL) : 17 / 20**



Tiefes Purpur, satt in der Mitte, Granatschimmer am Rand. Dichtes, eng gegliedertes Bouquet, Himbeerenstauden, Wildkirschen, etwas Mokka und Tabak. Während viele der Konkurrenten eher kühl und reserviert wirken, ist hier das Nasenbild spontan ansprechend. Fein stoffiger Gaumen, wirkt dabei im Extrakt etwas dropsig (Redcurrant), die Tannine, sind - mit der Säure verbunden - leicht aufrauend und noch mehlig. Die Anlagen sind hier aber mehr als gut. Auf Niveau seines eigenen 1999ers. Und der macht heute einen Riesenspass. 17/20 2022 – 2039

01/04/2015 **WINE ENTHUSIAST (ROGER VOSS) : 94 / 100**



93-95. Barrel Sample. This is a rich, rounded wine that has dusty tannins floating in the ripe wood and berry fruits. It has enough structure to age well, but is also generous and full-fruited on the palate. It ends with just the right amount of fresh acidity. — R.V. (3/30/2015)

31/03/2015 **WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 91-94 / 100**



Quite ripe, with a large core of succulent blackberry, raspberry and black currant fruit, enlivened with a good brambly edge and followed by anise and tar on the finish.

**BETTANE & DESSEAUVE : 93-94 / 100**



Noblement aromatique, superbement constitué dans ce millésime, complexe, harmonieux et surtout de forte personnalité.