



LE LITTÉRAIRE

AOC CÔTES DE BORDEAUX ROUGE

Fruity, elegant and silky

2022

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY : The history and identity of Château Malagar wines are intimately connected with the breath-taking beauty of its landscapes and its terroir. It is like a miniature Tuscany on the borders of Sauternes, Loupiac and Entre-Deux-Mers! A place where the terroir and the grape varieties that grow on it combine in infinitely variable ways to forge a new vintage.

TERROIR & VINEYARD AREA :The vineyard covers 27 hectares (67 acres) and includes 19 hectares (47 acres) of vines for red wine. On average, the vines are 25 years old. The sloping topography provides for good natural drainage of the soil which is made up of marl and sandy clay with molasse deposits in the lower parts and quite recent silt at the top.

GRAPE VARIETIES : 55% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

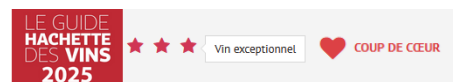
HARVEST : By machine

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES : The red is traditionally made. All the vats have temperature control systems. The harvest is allowed to steep for two days at low temperatures, then fermentation takes place between 22° and 30°C (72° and 86°F) over a period of two to three weeks. Natural yeasts are used.

AGEING The wine is aged on its lees in vats and French oak barrels for twelve months. It is racked traditionally and blended before being bottled.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION : 104 000 bottles and 6 200 magnums

TASTING NOTES : "A haughty 2022 that dominates the year's selection by a good head. What made it so appealing? First of all, the nose, open and tempting, with savoury notes of blackcurrant and a hint of oak. Then there's the palate, full-bodied and soft as can be, with sapid fruit and good cocoa oak, underpinned by firm but crisp, finely extracted tannins and delicate bitters. A modern, seductive and delicious wine, simply superb."



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