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CHATEAU LA MARZELLE 2006

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé

Yet another year of excellent climatic conditions.

Bud burst was early, which is often the sign of a great vintage. The summer was very dry and the vines stopped growing in July. The grapes remained small. The autumn weather was very good and allowed us to achieve phenolic and technical maturity very early on.

Whilst waiting for harvesting to begin, sugar levels increased and we reached the highest levels of alcohol since we started here in 1997. We have continued with the same philosophy and with the utmost respect for both the grapes and the wine. Maximum ripeness levels were reached which lent the wine its slightly Mediterranean character. Its deep hue has already begun to evolve.

The nose is powerful with scrubland aromas and a hint of eau-de-vie fruits.

The palate is smooth, sophisticated and very persistent.

Owner:	Family Sioen	Situation:	Upper terrace of Saint-Emilion formed by the former Isle riverbed
Vineyard:	12 ha of adjoining land	Soil:	Gravel soils, Sand on clay, Old sands
Grape varieties:	83% Merlot 17% Cabernet Franc	Pruning:	Bordelaise method (2 canes per vine)
Density:	5 700 vines/ha	Date of harvest:	/
Average age:	30 years	Bottled:	30th of april 2008
Production:	47.600 bottles	Alcohol:	13.5%