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Sioen, Propriétaire



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Excellent climatic conditions this year, similar to the 2005 vintage. La Marzelle, however, experienced devastating hailstorms. September and October were highly conducive to optimum ripeness levels in the grapes and good harvesting conditions.

Alain Raynaud joined our team on a consultancy basis at the beginning of the growth cycle. He surveyed the vineyards with us and validated our crop choices as well as our fundamental ethos: the vines are grown like a garden at La Marzelle. Over 5000 hours of seasonal work was carried out in order to accomplish our objective of producing the highest quality grapes in order to produce an exceptional wine. This involves disbudding, separating, shoot removal, secondary shoot removal, leaf stripping, trellising and green harvesting. All of these procedures are carried out manually, as are the harvests, in small crates.

An organic approach has been in place for several years. No chemical fertilisers or weedkillers have been used for over ten years. The vines are tilled and worked beneath the row. For the last three years, organic methods have been used on four hectares and this year we have used synthetic crop protection products on the rest of the domaine and exclusively for flowering purposes. Alain Raynaud tasted the grapes with us on several occasions in order to ascertain the best possible harvest date for each parcel.

He helped us with vinification and, with his research-based approach, enabled us to develop new avenues.

La Marzelle's renewed identity also encompasses a new label which evokes the 1925 label design and our premier cru roots...

Owner:	Family Sioen	Situation:	Upper terrace of Saint-Emilion formed by the former Isle riverbed
Vineyard:	11.24 ha of adjoining land	Soil:	Gravel soils, Sand on clay, Old sands
Grape varieties:	70% Merlot 20% Cabernet Franc 10% Cabernet sauvignon	Pruning:	Bordelaise method (2 canes per vine)
Density:	5 700 plants/ha	Date of harvest:	/
Average age:	24 years	Bottled:	09th of mai 2011
Production:	55.000 bottles	Alcohol:	13.5%