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Sioen, Propriétaire



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A humbling year

2013 will be remembered for its very complicated climatic conditions. Spring was cold and rainy, as was the winter that followed. Bud burst was three weeks late. These three weeks could not be compensated for during the growing cycle. Flowering took place at the end of June and was disturbed by the rainy weather, which meant that only a few sparse berries were left on the vines. Poor fruit set in all its glory! Good weather in July and August put a smile back on our faces, except for the less fortunate who endured the devastating consequences of two hailstorms. September and October were warm and humid and made the perfect conditions for botrytis to set in! We had to hurry to get the grapes in. It seems that nature was reasserting itself and imposing its strength whilst we suffered the consequences.

However, it is also true that those who work the hardest are rewarded in this kind of year. It is the year of the winegrower and the winemaker.

Jean-Philippe Fort, Oenologist for Michel Rolland, joined us this year and supported us in this difficult vintage. Although 2013 was our smallest yield since 2003, the quality of this vintage at La Marzelle has already been noted in preliminary comparative tastings.

Owner:	Family Sioen	Situation:	Upper terrace of Saint-Emilion formed by the former Isle riverbed
Vineyard:	16 ha of adjoining land	Soil:	Gravel soils, Sand on clay, Old sands
Grape varieties:	78% Merlot 13% Cabernet Franc 9% Cabernet sauvignon	Pruning:	Bordelaise method (2 canes per vine)
Density:	5 700 à 7 100 plants/ha	Date of harvest:	September 27 until october 10
Average age:	28 years	Bottled:	14th of april 2015
Production:	20.000 bottles	Alcohol:	13%