



## 2013: A DEAR VINTAGE



*" A cold and very wet winter meant a late start in the growth cycle. It was only in June, after a cool and quite rainy spring, that the vegetation finally reached the top of the trellising. More cold and rainy weather interfered with the fertilization, leading to quite severe flower shatter and berry shot that was to be confirmed by the low yields recorded at harvest time.*

*Despite a very hot month of July and a relatively dry August, there was still a 10-day delay in development compared to the summer of 2012.*

*During the damp autumn, a careful eye was kept on each plot and we decided an early de-leafing was necessary on both sides of the rows. Then we also performed a 'toilettage', trimming off a few damaged bunches, thus allowing the rest to ripen longer. In the end the lower yields allowed us to reach a very satisfactory ripeness.*

*As usual, we spent hours in the vineyard, regularly sampling and tasting the berries, until we finally began to pick the Merlots on 2nd October. We were able to pick each plot in good conditions by spotting the best climatic windows.*

*The last Cabernet Sauvignons were brought into the cellar on 13th October."*

- **Average yield:** 32 hl/ha

Dominique FOUIN

## Château FontestEAU 2013

- **Total crop:** 972 hl
- **Volume :** 680 hl (90 000 bottles 75 cl)
- **Blend:** 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot Noir, 3% Cabernet Franc
- **Alcohol :** 13 % - **pH :** 3.65 - **Residual sugar :** 0
- **Ageing :** in progress: 75 % in barrel (20 % new), 25 % in vat



*The blending was carried out on 10th February 2014 with the precious collaboration of our œnologist Eric BOISSENOT and Marco BALSIMELLI:*

*"The wines show a nice deep colour, with a pleasant intensity of fruit on the nose. The tannic structure is quite present for the moment and will soften over time during the ageing. In conclusion the quality of this vintage is higher than expected."*

## AWARD

Bronze Medal at the Concours de Bordeaux 2015



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