

MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES

CHATEAU *Puy-Blanquet*



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Saint-Émilion, France
Vintage: 2015

Overview

Overlooking the Dordogne valley in the heart of Saint-Etienne de Lisse, Château Puy-Blanquet has northern and eastern blocks that enjoy the morning sunshine. There are 49.42 acres of planted acreage on soils of clay and chalk.

Château Puy-Blanquet was known as one of the best Saint-Émilion Grand Crus as early as the 19th century, and was awarded a part of the collective gold medal bestowed upon a selection of Saint-Émilion chateaux at the Paris Exposition of 1889.

Today, the vineyard is owned by the Jacquet family and managed by Pierre Meunier, who was trained by Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix.

Winemaking

A respect for tradition and quality is what makes Puy-Blanquet special. Instead of following the trend, vineyard manager Pierre Meunier has continued plowing the soils to ensure optimal maturity of the fruit. Green harvesting, leaf cropping and harvesting are done by hand.

Tasting Notes

The wines are fresh and generous and can be enjoyed after just a two or three years of cellaring.

Harvest Notes

The winter of 2014-2015 was quite cool and rainy. The spring, mild and dry, allowed for a quick and even flowering. The first part of the summer was marked by a very hot and dry period, followed by a slight drop in temperatures and a few welcome showers. The heat returned at the end of August and in early September, assuring the quality of the vintage. The weather conditions of the 2015 vintage - heat and drought - led to an early halt to vine growth. After veraison, the juice of the berries concentrated rapidly, the acidity receding with the decline of malic acid during the very hot periods. By the first days of September, the grapes had reached an excellent level of technological maturity. The summer, marked by high temperatures, announced a sun-soaked vintage similar to 1990 or 2003, but the month of September, cooler and with a little rainfall, allowed for an ideal phenological maturation.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
Average Vine Age: 25 years
Aging: 12 months partly in oak barrels (10% new)