

Château Puy-Blanquet 2018

SAINT-ÉMILION, FRANCE

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 vines 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.

92-94
POINTS

JEB DUNNUCK

Deeply colored, the 2018 Château Puy-Blanquet checks in as 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon from a 20-hectare parcel of clay and limestone soils. Beautifully ripe and sexy, with a massive bouquet of blackcurrants, macerated black cherries, and smoked earth, it's full-bodied, opulent, and layered on the palate, with serious fruit. This brilliant wine will be approachable in its youth yet also evolve gracefully for 15 years or more. It should also be an incredible value.

92-93
POINTS

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"A red with lots of richness and density and flavor. Full body, plenty of round tannins and a long and flavorful finish."

90-93
POINTS
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"The 2018 Puy-Blanquet is a rich, creamy and sensual wine with tremendous near and medium term appeal. In 2018, Puy-Blanquet is especially lush, almost shockingly so, for a Saint-Émilion that is usually quite classic in feel. Inky red and purplish berry fruit, spice, rose petal and mint build as this silky, pliant Saint-Émilion shows off its racy, inviting personality. Don't miss it."

90
POINTS
Decanter

"This is the most beautifully ripe plum colour, with soft violet reflections and floral touches on the nose. Pretty strong tannins steal up through the firm, full-bodied palate, which is loaded with acidity and fruit, completing the triumvirate. This should see slow but steady ageing."

FOOD & WINE BOTTLE SERVICE

"This inviting red is primarily merlot, with some Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Sweet Oak leads into blueberry fruit, ending on firm but supple tannins." – *Ray Isle, September 2021*



VARIETALS

85% Merlot

10% Cabernet Franc

5% Cabernet Sauvignon