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Puy-Blanquet

2014 | 2015 | 2016

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.

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Good direct fresh nose with some energy. Racy and round and very polished. Quite a charmer for early drinking. Tannins lurk almost unseen underneath.

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2015

92 pts.

The 2015 Château Puy Blanquet is another top-quality Saint-Emilion in the vintage. A blend of 75% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, this fullbodied, ripe, sexy beauty boasts terrific notes of cherries, crème de cassis, chocolate, and hints of charcoal. It has present tannin, yet they're sweet and integrated, solid mid-palate depth and a great finish, all making for one seriously delicious 2015 to drink over the coming 10-15 years. November 2017

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2016

92 pts.

Focused fruit, such as raspberries and blackberries with chalk and flowers. Full body, firm and chewy tannins and a long and defined finish. Quite muscular. February 2019