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Appellation	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Owner Director	Mme Jacquet Pierre Meunier
Vineyard size	20 hectares (49 acres)
Soil Types	Clay & limestone
Vineyard grape varieties	75% Merlot - 15% Cabernet Franc 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Average vine age	25 years
Viticulture	« Culture raisonnée » Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
Harvest	Manual, optical sorting
Winemaking	Traditionnal, in thermo-regulated concrete vats
Aging	12 months partly in oak barrels (10% new)

History

Overlooking the Dordogne valley in a village two miles east of Saint-Émilion, this pretty vineyard is planted on a clay-limestone slope thanks to which the northern and eastern parcels enjoy perfect morning sunshine. 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, with a real respect for tradition and quality. Soils are ploughed in order to ensure deeper root systems; green harvest, leaf-cropping, and harvests are done by hand. Thermo-regulated concrete tanks ensure well-controlled fermentations.

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