

# CHATEAU VALANDRAUD

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru  
Premier Grand Cru Classé  
2016

Fruit du travail considérable d'un couple passionné par le vin Murielle Andraud et Jean-Luc Thunevin, le Château Valandraud est né en 1989 de l'achat initial d'une parcelle de 0,6 hectare dans le vallon de Fongaban entre Château Pavie-Maquin, La Clotte et le village de Saint-Emilion.

Jean-Luc et Murielle investissent en 1999 dans les terroirs frais et tardifs du plateau de Saint Etienne de Lisse.

Leader du mouvement des vins de garage à sa création, Château Valandraud a été promu Premier Grand Cru Classé de Saint Emilion en 2012, statut confirmé en 2022. Il s'est doté, depuis le millésime 2020, d'un tout nouveau chai bioclimatique entièrement creusé à flanc de coteau calcaire.

## Données techniques :

Surface en production : 6,80 hectares

Sols : argilo calcaire

Cépages : 90% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

Age moyen des vignes : 30 ans

Vinification : Vendanges et tri manuelles, puis tri densimétrique des baies au chai sur tribaie.

Elevage : 22 mois en barriques neuves

Production : 31 453 bouteilles

Date de mise en bouteille : 30 août 2018

Degré : 14,5%



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# REVUE DE PRESSE

## **JEB DUNNUCK** 98+ points

Including 15% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, the Merlot-dominated 2016 Château Valandraud is a brilliant example of this cuvée that should match or exceed the incredible 2015 at maturity. Brought up all in new oak, its deep purple color is followed by a powerful bouquet of crème de cassis, graphite, smoked earth, and hints of earth. Possessing full-bodied richness, thrilling purity of fruit, ripe tannins, and just about perfect balance, it's another tour de force from the incredibly talented Jean-Luc Thunevin.



## Antonio Galloni - 97 points

The 2016 Valandraud is exceptionally beautiful. Powerful and explosive in the glass, the 2016 is superb today. Dark cherry, plum, mocha, spice, espresso, leather and smoke add layers of nuance. One of the things I like most about Valandraud in 2016 is the combination of fruit richness and vibrancy. Those elements make for a stunning, punchy Saint-Emilion that hits all the right notes. This is a fabulous showing from Jean-Luc Thunevin and Murielle Andraud.



## Lisa Perrotti-Brown 96 points

The deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Valandraud packs a wallop on the nose with bombastic scents of baked black plums, cherry compote, coffee beans and licorice plus hints of hoisin, cedar chest and sautéed herbs. Full-bodied, rich and decadent in the mouth, it has a firm frame of grainy tannins and a fantastically long finish.

## **JAMES SUCKLING.COM** 98 points

Incredible perfumes and beauty with ripe plum and berry character, as well as an array of spices, such as nutmeg and cinnamon. Full-bodied, firm and silky with beautifully polished tannins. Rendered and defined. A wine with lovely, classy nature and personality. One of the best Valandrauds I have tasted at this stage.

## **Wine Spectator** 96 points

This is a full display of fruit, with raspberry preserve, plum reduction and creamed boysenberry notes streaming through in lockstep, while light bramble and singed vanilla accents happily take a back seat throughout. An echo of chalky minerality at the very end adds refinement and length.