

CHATEAU VALANDRAUD

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Premier Grand Cru Classé
2014

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 : 7,10 hectares

Sols : argilo calcaire

Cépages : 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Age moyen des vignes : 30 ans

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

Elevage : 24 mois en barriques neuves

Production : 24 108 bouteilles

Date de mise en bouteille : 22 septembre 2016

Degré : 14.5%



REVUE DE PRESSE



Lisa Perrotti – 95 points

The 2014 Valandraud is medium to deep garnet-brick in color. Notes of unsmoked cigars and smoked meats waft from the glass, followed by hints of black cherry compote and plum preserves with a touch of bay leaves. The medium-bodied palate has a firm backbone of rounded tannins and plenty of freshness to support the generous, mature fruit, finishing long and spicy.



94 points

Luscious blue and black fruits on the nose, layered through with licorice and toasted almond, along with creme patisserie giving that Thunevin gourmet twist. At the 10 years on point, the finesse of clay limestone soils are starting to come through, giving the promise of slow, steady ageing, with the patina of smooth tannins one decade on.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM  96 points

Wow. The blackberry, licorice and blueberry aromas are really spellbinding. Full-bodied, chewy and polished with beautiful fruit. Super depth and richness. Always subtle and polished behind the power.



Antonio Galloni – 95 points

The 2014 Valandraud is laced with dark cherry compote, spice, new leather and chocolate notes. In 2014, Valandraud is marked by a super-appealing combination of intense dark fruit and fresher, more floral driven nuances that beautifully express the freshness of the year.

JEB DUNNUCK 95 points

The 2014 Valandraud from Saint-Emilion superstar Jean-Luc Thunevin is certainly up with the crème de la crème of the vintage, and while I can be a little humdrum with regards to 2014, this is one of the few that will cause your heart rate to jump. A deep purple/ruby color is accompanied by a terrific perfume of ripe black cherries, blackberries, Asian spices, decaying flowers and hints of tobacco. It's one of the few "do not miss" wines in 2014.