

CHATEAU VALANDRAUD

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru
Premier Grand Cru Classé
2015

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 : 8.88 hectares

Sols : argilo calcaire

Cépages : 90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% 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 : 41 000 bouteilles

Date de mise en bouteille : 31 août 2017

Degré : 15%



REVUE DE PRESSE

JEB DUNNUCK 99 points

A wine that will be a candidate for perfection at maturity, the 2015 Valandraud is a heavenly wine that exhibits a deep, saturated ruby/purple color as well as a sensational bouquet of blackcurrants, cassis, crème caramel, graphite, and chocolate. This full-bodied, expansive, super concentrated 2015 is a hedonistic dream and has exceptional purity, balance, and equilibrium. While it offers pleasure today, it needs short-term cellaring and will keep for 20+ years.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM 98 points

Plenty of toasty oak and extract here. This has immensely concentrated fruits with powerful yet silky tannins. Blackberry and dark-plum aromas dominate the nose with hints of dark chocolate and candied orange. Flavors follow suit amid fluid, muscular tannins that hold long into the finish. Great wine. Try from 2023.

JANE ANSON
INSIDE BORDEAUX

97 points

Dive in to this lovely Valandraud, textured and rippled with fleshy red fruits and limestone fingerprints, austere in all the right places, opulent where you want it to be. Great stuff, leans into the vintage and shows its joy. Jean-Luc Thunevin owner, 100% new oak for ageing.



96+ points – Lisa Perrotti-Brown

The 2015 Valandraud is medium to deep garnet-purple in color with a profound nose of baked cherries, warm black plums, blueberry preserves and smoked meats with tilled earth, mocha, Indian spices and dried herbs nuances plus a touch of licorice. The mouth is big, full-bodied and powerful with notable, velvety tannins and it is packed with savory and spice flavor layers, finishing with epic length. This big-boned, voluptuous, Rubenesque beauty will blow hedonists' minds!

Antonio Galloni
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Neal Martin – 97 points

The 2015 Valandraud has long been one of my favourite vintages of Jean-Luc Thunevin, and six years on from my previous encounter, it remains a gorgeous wine. It is packed with black cherry and crushed strawberry fruit, still youthful, especially here, juxtaposed against its peers. Quite intense, but there is pedigree. The palate is medium-bodied with a sweet, almost Napa-like entry that admittedly denudes it of some typicité – certainly not a “classic” style of Saint – Emilion. But the oak is seamlessly subsumed and there is a precision on the finish that cannot be denied. Superb