

# THUNEVIN

## 3 de Valandraud

### Saint Emilion Grand Cru

In 1989, Jean-Luc Thunevin and his wife, Murielle Andraud, acquired a small parcel of 0,6 hectare in the small valley of Saint-Emilion between Pavie-Macquin and La Clotte. And started in 1991 the adventure of Valandraud.

Since then, they have acquired more vineyards and properties in famous locations such as Saint-Sulpice de Faleyrens, Saint-Emilion and Saint-Etienne de Lisse. 3 de Valandraud is the true second wine of Jean-Luc Thunevin's famous Valandraud, Virginie and Clos Badon.

**Tasting Notes :** A rich, intense and fruit forward wine, sensitively elaborated from a delicate backbone of silky smooth tannins – with layers of complex red and black berry fruits, a nose of sweet spicy vanilla, and an incredibly long finish.

**Drinking Recommendations:** A wine best enjoyed with lamb, or steaks – it can also be tasted by itself with a plate of cheese.

#### Technical informations

Soils : Clayey limestone, sand and gravels

Grape varieties planted : 65 % Merlot, Cabernet Franc 30 %, Cabernet Sauvignon et Malbec 5%

Average age of the vines : 30 years and young vines

Ageing : 18 to 20 months in 100% new oak barrels

Production 20 000 btles in average



« If Virginie de Valandraud, the second wine of the inaccessible Château Valandraud, has become a real high-class wine, it is the '3 de Valandraud' which acts as an excellent second. It is a pleasant surprise to discover that Jean - Luc Thunevin, pioneer of garage wines can produce, at an astonishing price, a wine that is as charmer as subtle. »

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