

THUNEVIN

Château Valandraud

Saint Emilion Grand Cru

1^{er} Grand Cru Classé en 2012

In 1989, Jean-Luc Thunevin and wife Murielle Andraud bought a small plot of 0.6 hectares in the valley of Saint-Emilion between Pavie Macquin and La- Clotte. They realized, in 1991, their first vintage bottled by their care. They have since acquired other parcels and properties in Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes and Saint-Etienne de Lisse. While early critics have called "garage wine" Château Valandraud, although still not classified, is considered by almost all wine professionals, including Robert Parker as one of the top wines of Bordeaux.

Château Valandraud is now produced in Saint Etienne de Lisse and has been promoted Premier Grand Cru Classé according to the 2012 Saint Emilion Classification.

Technical data

Surface: 8.88 hectares

Soils : clayey limestone and quartz-gravel

Grape varieties-planted : 65 % Merlot, Cabernet Franc 25 %, Cabernet Sauvignon 5%, Malbec 4%, Carmenère 1%

Average age of vines : 30 years

Vinification : Winemaking: Hand wine harvest - Sorted of the grapes by the pickers and densimetric sorting berries to the winery on "Tribaie" machine.

Vinification with temperature controlled in stainless steel tanks, manual punching of the cap, pumping-over, maceration about three weeks.

Ageing : 18 to 30 months in 100 % new oak barrels

Average Production: 15000 bottles

Blend depends on the vintage,(decided after tasting).

Tasting notes

2010:"After a wonderful 2009, this is still one of the great vintages of the history of thought. Murielle Thunevin achieved a great wine style, deep, smooth and slender, beautifully elegant. "(Bettane & Desseauve)

2007: "If the price is high, Valandraud is no longer the "garage wine" produced in the early 1990s to less than 1ha. This is a vintage full that produced by a complete wine that combines intense fruit, ageing controlled husbandry on a large, controlled and structured, not intended for the care (four to five years).

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ratings

Vintage 1998: R P:93/100

Bettane et Dessauve: 19/20

RVF: 19/20

Wine Spectator : 93/ 100

Vintage 1999:RP 90/100

Vintage 2000 : RP 93/100

Bettane et Dessauve: 18/20

Vintage 2003: RP 89-92/100

JM Quarin: 93/100

Vintage 2004 : RP 91+/100

Bettane et Dessauve: 18/20

Vintage 2005 : RP 95/100

Vintage 2006 : RP: 92/100

Vintage 2007 : RP :90-93/100

Le point : 17/20

Vintage 2008: RP 94/100

Vintage 2009 :RP 95-98/100

Vintage 2010: WA 94/96+/100

Bettane et Dessauve: 18-19/20



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