

3 de Valandraud Saint Emilion Grand Cru

It all started in 1989 when Jean-Luc Thunevin and wife/sidekick Murielle Andraud acquired a small parcel of 0,6 ha in the small valley of Saint Emilion city, between Pavie-Macquin and La Clotte. And in 1991 the adventure of Château Valandraud was launched.

Since then they have bought more vineyards and properties in close by locations such as Saint-Sulpice –de-Faleyrens or Saint-Etienne-de-Lisse. 3 de Valandraud is a genuine introduction to the delicate work done by our team in Château Valandraud or Clos Badon.

The 3 de Valandraud cuvée is a true Saint Emilion Grand Cru, from our local vineyards and vinified to be enjoyed up to 8-10 years after the bottling.



Technical information

Surface : 4.5 ha

Soils : clayey limestone, sand and gravels

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

Vinification in thermoregulated stainless steel tanks

Average age of the vines : 25 years

Ageing 18 mois in new barrels

Average production : 35 000 bouteilles

Tasting notes:

The 2015 "3" de Valandraud, the troisième wine of Château Valandraud, has a delineated, precise bouquet with cassis and violets. It is more intense than you would expect, though I am not sure I agree with Jean-Luc that 100% new oak adds anything to the wine. The palate is well defined and cohesive, very smooth, so much so that it could slip down the throat with ease. There is something nonchalant and endearing about this modest wine and it should give easy-drinking pleasure.

Neal Martin The Wine Advocate

Notes

Millésime 2009

Wine Spectator : 89/100

Millésime 2010

Wine Spectator : 90/100

Bernard Burtschy: 91/100

Millésime 2011

Wine Spectator : 86-88/100

Millésime 2015

Wine Advocate : 88-90/100