

Château Valandraud

Saint Emilion 1er Grand Cru Classé

In 1989, Jean-Luc Thunevin and Murielle Andraud became the proud owners of a small plot of land of 0,6 ha, in the valley of Saint Emilion, between Pavie Macquin and La Clotte. In 1991 they produced and bottled their first vintage. Since then, their estate portfolio has grown with properties in Saint Christophe des Bardes, Saint Sulpice de Faleyrens or Saint Etienne de Lisse.

In the early days, wine critics nicknamed this production « garage wine », but even as Château Valandraud had not –yet– entered the Saint Emilion classification, it was considered by most wine critics, including Robert Parker, as a major player in Bordeaux.

In 2012, Château Valandraud has been promoted as a 1st classified growth of Saint Emilion.

In 2017, Château Valandraud became a full member of Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux



Technical information

Surface: 8.88 hectares in Saint Etienne de Lisse

Soil : clayey limestone

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

Average age of the vines : 30 ans

Manual harvest, with several sorting and Tribaie technology

Vinification in thermo regulated stainless steel , concrete and wooden tanks , Malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Ageing: 18 to 30 months in new barrels

Production: 35 000 bottles

Blending may differ according to vintage



Tasting notes

2016 : The deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Valandraud packs a wallop on the nose with bombastic scents of baked black plums, cherry compote, coffee beans and licorice plus hints of hoisin, cedar chest and sautéed herbs. Full-bodied, rich and decadent in the mouth, it has a firm frame of grainy tannins and a fantastically long finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown The Wine Advocate

Notes

Vintage 2012 :

Wine Advocate: 95+/100

Wine Spectator: 94/100

Vintage 2013:

Wine Advocate : 90/100

Wine Spectator: 91/100

Vintage 2014 :

Wine Advocate : 94/100

Wine Spectator : 95/100

Vintage 2015 :

Wine Advocate : 96+/100

Wine Spectator: 95/100

Vintage 2016 :

Wine Advocate : 96+/100

Wine Spectator : 96-99/100