

CHATEAU VALANDRAUD

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru - 1er Grand Cru Classé

En Primeur 2024

Château Valandraud was founded in 1989 by Murielle Andraud et Jean-Luc Thunevin, a couple passionate about wine, following their initial purchase of a 0.6-hectare plot in the Fongaban valley between Château Pavie-Maquin, La Clotte and the village of Saint-Emilion.

In 1999, Jean-Luc and Murielle invested in cool and late-ripening terroirs on the Saint-Etienne de Lisse plateau.

A pioneer in the garage wine movement, Château Valandraud was promoted to Saint-Emilion Premier Grand Cru Classé status in 2012 and renewed in 2022. Since the 2020 vintage, the estate has benefited from a state-of-the-art bioclimatic cellar dug into the limestone hillside.

The 2024 Vintage by Jean-Luc Thunevin and his team: "A vibrant wine born from a year of climatic contrasts"

The year 2024, although marked by fluctuating climatic conditions, allowed us to produce red wines of exceptional quality, thanks to the resilience and expertise of the men and women working in our vineyards. After a mild and exceptionally rainy winter, the dampness of spring led to a particularly strong mildew pressure starting in April. In response, our viticulture teams adopted an intense pace to maintain the sanitary health of our plots, carrying out early de-budding and leaf-thinning and maintaining grass cover between the rows.

The summer, alternating between rainy spells and sunny periods, naturally delayed the phenolic and aromatic maturation of the grapes. To encourage this maturation, a second leaf thinning was essential.

The timing of the harvest was carefully determined, taking into account the maturation gains stimulated by the favorable weather of the week of September 18th, and through close monitoring of the sanitary conditions. Our precise harvest date choices, the efficiency of picking, and the rigor of sorting in the vineyard and winery were crucial, also enabling us to ensure a good yield in terms of production.

Château Valandraud 2024 stands out for its elegance and balance, offering a vibrant wine of restrained power. Its aromatic profile is fresh and expressive, blending notes of crunchy red and black berries with a salivating finish. Floral aromas add a touch of finesse, inviting you to enjoy this wine in its youth.

Terroir: Clay-limestone, 85 meters above the Dordogne river level

Harvested area : 8.5 ha

Blend: 85% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc

Average age of the vines: 18 years

Ageing: 18 to 22 months, 100% in new oak barrels - 15hL connected wooden tank

Production : 50 000 bottles

Consultants: Paul-Marie Morillon for viticulture and Jean-Philippe Fort & Alexandre Béra for winemaking (Laboratoire Rolland & associés)

Harvest: manual from September 26th to October 7th

Degree: 13,5% alcohol **pH:** 3,50

