

CHÂTEAU VALANDRAUD

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru - 1er Grand Cru Classé B

EN PRIMEUR 2021

Château Valandraud is the achievement reached by a wine obsessed couple, Jean Luc Thunevin and Murielle Andraud.

In 1989, they acquired a small 0.6 hectare plot in the Saint Emilion valley between Pavie-Macquin and La Clotte. Little by little, they bought several plots of vineyards in the Saint-Emilion AOC.

The property is now based in Saint Etienne de Lisse and was promoted 1er Grand Cru Classé in the 2012 classification of Saint Emilion Grands Crus.

The 2021 vintage by Jean Luc Thunevin and his team: “The reward for obstinacy and perseverance”

After a frosty start to spring when our vineyard was spared, the heavy rainfall until July put a lot of pressure on our teams. The rigour of our work on the growing vines was essential to manage the cryptogamic pressure. In a context of low sunshine, we proceeded with de-leafing at the end of the season to give our grapes every chance of reaching a perfect maturity.

The Merlots were picked at the beginning of October followed by the Cabernets in mid-October.

An important work of selection of the best berries in the cellar was done by our densimetric sorting table, completed by light bleedings and a gentle extraction of the tannins, allowed us to obtain a very well-balanced wine.

The Château Valandraud 2021 is a worthy member of the classics of this Grand Cru, dense and silky, with a little extra freshness that predicts a bright future.

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

Harvested area : 6.5 ha

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

Average age of the vines : 30 years

Ageing : 18 to 24 months 100% in new oak barrel

Production : 25,000 bottles

Harvest : manual from Oct. 3rd to Oct. 15th

Degré : 13.5% alcohol

pH : 3.5

