

VALANDRAUD

Bordeaux Blanc

En Primeur 2023

Always looking for new challenges, Muriel Andraud and Jean Luc Thunevin decided in 2000 to plant some white grape varieties next to Château Valandraud's vineyard.

The result is a "haute couture" piece of work, nothing being spared to make a great white wine.

The blends, different each year, are decided after several tastings and finalized just before bottling.

The 2023 vintage by our consultant Athanase Fakorellis: "Density and ethereality go hand in hand in the same vintage!"

We are continuing with our practice of late pruning, which has proved to protect us completely from the effects of frost, as the one which occurred on 5th of April, and has guaranteed us a favorable harvest potential.

The mild weather gave us balanced yields, preserving a greater quantity of malic acid and giving a crisp freshness to this vintage.

We are also pushing ahead with intra-parcel selections, the precision of long pressings and ageing in different sizes and origins of containers.

The blend of Valandraud blanc 2023 this year favours Sauvignon Blanc and Sauvignon Gris. Supported by a lovely acidity, the aromatic components range from pink grapefruit to tropical fruit, with a deliciously sappy touch.

Terroir : Clay-limestone on south-west facing slopes

Harvested area: 1.5 ha

Blend : 53% Sauvignon gris, 40% Sauvignon blanc, 7% Semillon

Average age of the vines: 20 years

Vinification : Fermentation in barrels. Manual harvest (2 selections), storage in cold room before pressing, long pressing of about 5 hours.

Ageing: 10 months on lees 80% in new barrels and 20% in terracotta amphorae.

Production: 6 000 bottles

Consultants: Paul-Marie Morillon for viticulture and Athanase Fakorellis for winemaking

Harvest : manual from September 8th to September 18th

Degree: 15% **pH :** 3.15 **AT :** 4.3

