

VIRGINIE DE VALANDRAUD

Saint-Emilion Grand Cru

En Primeur 2022

Named after Murielle Andraud and Jean Luc Thunevin's daughter, Virginie, this cuvée was created in 1992 as the 2nd wine of Château Valandraud.

Since the 1997 vintage, with the expansion of the Thunevin vineyards in the Saint Emilion appellation, Virginie de Valandraud has had its own vineyards and its own identity while being cultivated in the same way and vinified in our cellars by the same technical team as Valandraud.

The 2022 vintage by Jean-Luc Thunevin and his team: "An unusual year in terms of climate, which ended in a peaceful and magnificent way".

The year opened with a mild, dry winter followed by an episode of frost at the beginning of April which, as our terroir is late-ripening, had no repercussions on our vines. Its clay-limestone composition and its north-facing slope were then enormous assets for this hot year marked by very little rainfall. Our vines remained green and extremely healthy.

This year, Virginie de Valandraud is even more than usual a wine made from a blend of plots of land whose maturities were homogeneous and complete.

The result is a wine with the identity of its terroir, combining the freshness of the clay-limestone soils, the more floral aromas of the sandier soils and the finesse of the original parcels of Valandraud, which still benefit from low draining soils.



Terroir: Clay-limestone

Harvested area: 15 ha

Blend: 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Average age of the vines: 30 years

Ageing: 18 to 22 months in 100% new oak barrel

Production : 60 000 bottles

Wine consultant: Jean-Philippe Fort (Rolland)

Harvest: manual from Sept.12th to Sept.29th

Degree: 14,5% alcohol **pH:** 3.7

