HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Château Valandraud 2025, Saint Emilion "B" Grand Cru Classé 6x75cl



Price	£480.00
Code	VALA001

Château Valandraud is one of Bordeaux's most rebellious success stories, created by Jean-Luc Thunevin and Murielle Andraud from a tiny 0.6-hectare plot in 1989. The couple became pioneers of the famous "garagiste" movement, proving that small scale, obsessive winemaking could rival Bordeaux's historic elite. Today, Valandraud is a Premier Grand Cru Classé estate, still family owned and driven by the bold vision of Thunevin and Andraud. The wine style is intensely rich and modern, combining ripe black fruit, velvet texture, spice, espresso and powerful concentration with polished finesse. Often described as daring yet luxurious, Château Valandraud has transformed from an outsider project into one of Saint-Émilion's most iconic cult wines.

Tasting Notes:

A deep, dark, almost opaque purple colour, this is a big wine on all fronts. The bouquet is brimming with aromas of ripe cassis, dark berries, graphite, and a touch of spicy oak. The palate is full bodied, creamy rich and voluptuous with a wonderful concentration of ripe black, juicy blackcurrant, fine tannins and a long, polished finish. Almost Napa Merlot! MAGA!

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Specification	
Vinification	Harvest 12h September - 4th October with a yield of 35hl/ha. Aged in 90% new oak barrels.
Size	6x75cl
Drinking Window	Drink from 2030 through to 2040
Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Area	Saint-Émilion
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	84% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc
Genres	En Primeur, Fine Wine
Vintage	2025
Body	Rich, round and full flavoured
Producer	Château Valandraud
Producer Overview	In 1989, Jean-Luc Thunevin and his wife Murielle Andraud purchased a 0.6 hectare plot in Saint-Émilion. Just two years later, they released their first commercial vintage, marking the beginning of their remarkable winemaking journey. Today, the estate spans 8.8 hectares, and the wines are produced through a combination of tradition, modern techniques, and innovative practices. 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.
Closure Type	Cork