

# VIRGINIE DE VALANDRAUD •

2025 – EN PRIMEUR



## JEB DUNNUCK

RATING	MATURITY
94-96	-

*The 35th vintage of this cuvée, the 2025 Virginie De Valandraud now comes from four different parcels of clay and limestone soils, and it has been dramatically reduced in quantity (not quality) to concentrate on a more limestone-driven profile. It has a remarkably pure perfume of black raspberry and blue fruit as well as chalky minerality, liquid violets, graphite, and Asian spices. I love its overall balance, and on the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, with ripe tannins, nicely integrated acidity, and a great finish. It has a clear Valandraud-like profile and style, and it's a beautiful wine that's resting in 90% new barrels with 10% in foudre, hitting 13.5% alcohol with a pH of 3.5.*

**REVIEWED BY** Jeb Dunnuck – Source : Bordeaux 2025 En Primeur: A Modern 1961  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://jebdunnuck.com/wines/760897/>

## JAMESSUCKLING.COM

RATING	MATURITY
93-94	-

*Chalky and medium- to full-bodied with dark fruit and fine definition from the tannins, which are chalky and gradually resolve toward the finish. 90% merlot, 5% cabernet franc and 5% cabernet sauvignon.*

**REVIEWED BY** Jacobo Garcia Andrade  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://www.jamessuckling.com/tasting-notes/340714/virginie-de-valandraud-st-emilion-2025>

## vinous NEAL MARTIN

RATING	MATURITY
92-94	2031-2050

*The 2025 Virginie de Valandraud, which henceforth comes entirely from the limestone plateau, was picked from September 9 to September 23 and mature in 90% new barrels. It has a well-defined bouquet with blueberry, iodine and violet scents on the nose. There is a touch more minéralité than usual. The palate is fresh and has a pleasing underlying citrus edginess under the black fruit. Gentle grip, nicely controlled towards the silky finish. Classy.*

**REVIEWED BY** Neal Martin | Vinous  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://vinous.com/wines/valandraud-virginie-de-valandraud/2025>

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RATING	MATURITY
92-94	2027-2035

The 2025 Virginie de Valandraud is gorgeous. Floral, silky and bright, the 2025 has so much to offer. Vibrant red-toned fruit, white pepper, mint, pomegranate and orange peel sizzle on the palate. I especially admire the wine's energy and long, saline-inflected finish.

**REVIEWED BY** Antonio Galloni | Vinous  
Source : 2025 Bordeaux En Primeur: Le Freak (Apr 2026)  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://vinous.com/wines/valandraud-virginie-de-valandraud-blanc/2025>



RATING	MATURITY
95	2029-2045

Plums, cherries and blackcurrant leaf aromas, vanilla, cream, cinnamon. Supple and alive, this has energy and push – flesh and acidity – so there's focus and brightness with a lovely firm structure. Great length and focus. Nothing out of place here, so round, so balanced, so drinkable. A really compelling Virginie this year – subtle, finessed, elegant, juicy and so charming. Wow this really brings a smile to your face. The last vintage made under the ownership of Jean-Luc Thunevin who has sold his majority share to Christophe and Marie Lefèvre (Château Sansonnet, Château Moulin du Cadet, Château Villemaurine).

**REVIEWED BY** Georgie Hindle | Decanter  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://www.decanter.com/wine-reviews/france/bordeaux/chateau-valandraud-virginie-de-valandraud-st-emilion-109266/>



RATING	MATURITY
93	2030-2042

One plot of Valandraud has gone into Virginie this year, plus an excellent plot located between Rocheyron and Laroque, with a recentering around the limestone plateau. You see the impact in the taste profile, with more sculpted salinity, bright vivid red fruits, still with the creamy mid palate and grilled oak that is so essential to the character of all the Thunevin wines. 40% less production than usual, due to the introduction of the two new wines Côte-Milon and Calvaire, 90% new oak. 3.5 pH. First vintage of Marie Lefèvre as full owner.

**REVIEWED BY** Jane Anson | Inside Bordeaux – Source : En Primeur 2025: Right Bank  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://janeanson.com/report/en-primeur-2025-right-bank>



RATING	MATURITY
92-94	2030-2050

Expressive, with dark and red berries, a touch of tobacco and smoky notes. On the palate, crisp fruit, very rich yet elegant; the wine is juicy and noticeably fresher and more refined than in the past. The oak is well integrated, with chalky tannins. Balanced, red-fruited, and with a spicy finish. An excellent Virginie de Valandraud.

**REVIEWED BY** Adrian van Velsen, VINUM / vvWine.ch  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://vvwine.ch/vvwine-tasting-notes/>



RATING	MATURITY
92-93	-

Virginie de Valandraud 2025 marks a profound transformation. The former vineyard sources have been entirely downgraded, and the wine is now made entirely from three parcels within Château Valandraud, all situated on the limestone plateau. This shift is immediately perceptible in the glass: the wine is clearer and more transparent in style, with fruit that feels fresher, moving away from the previously richer black berries toward juicy bayberry and blood orange. Combined with gentler extraction and a more restrained approach to aging, including 10% in foudre, the overall palate becomes notably purer.

**REVIEWED BY** Alexandre MA | AMA Tasting Report–Bordeaux 2025 En Primeur  
**DIRECT LINK** <https://www.alexandrema.com/en/wine/virginie-de-valandraud-2025-primeurs/>

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## THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

RATING	MATURITY
92	2028-2040

Flowers, licorice, plums, smoke, and spices come to the surface in the perfume. Medium-bodied, soft, bright, fresh, and fruity, with a cool endnote blending crushed stones with sweet fruits. This is a beautiful baby Valandraud. The wine blends 90% Merlot, with 5% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.

REVIEWED BY Jeff Leve | The Wine Cellar Insider

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*Yves Beck*

RATING	MATURITY
93-94	2031-2050

Invitantes nuances de torréfaction complétées par des parfums de menthe et de baies noires. En bouche le vin affiche une attaque légèrement crémeuse. Les tannins, suaves, assurent la puissance et une touche de charme, tandis que le côté incisif de l'acidité se charge d'apporter une touche tonique. Un vin invitant, agréable et harmonieux.

REVIEWED BY

Yves Beck

DIRECT LINK

<https://www.yvesbeck.wine/fr/wein/de-50985-virginie-de-valandraud-2025/>

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RATING	MATURITY
93	-

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Aromatic nose with ripe blackberries, black cherries and floral hints, mild spices and subtle oak. On the palate well structured with ripe tannins and juicy fruits, fine toasting in the background, very appealing with very good length.

REVIEWED BY Markus Del Monego

DIRECT LINK [https://tastingbook.com/wine/chateau\\_valandraud/virginie\\_de\\_valandraud\\_2025](https://tastingbook.com/wine/chateau_valandraud/virginie_de_valandraud_2025)

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

RATING	MATURITY
93	2035-2065

Couleur intense, aux reflets noirs. Nez très aromatique, fruité et subtil. Juteux à l'attaque, tendre en milieu de bouche, avec de l'éclat dans le goût, le vin évolue savoureux et charmant sur une finale séveuse, parfaitement accompagnée par le bois. Assemblage : 90 % Merlot, 5 % Cabernet Franc, 5 % Cabernet Sauvignon. Degré d'alcool : 13°5 - pH : 3,5. Elevage : 90 % en barriques neuves et 10 % en foudre de bois. Production : 40 000 bouteilles.

REVIEWED BY Jean Marc Quarin - Source :

Bordeaux Primeurs 2025

DIRECT LINK [https://www.quarin.com/fr/bibliotheque-de-commentaires/virginie-de-valandraud-2\\_-v.html?millesime=2025](https://www.quarin.com/fr/bibliotheque-de-commentaires/virginie-de-valandraud-2_-v.html?millesime=2025)

## WINEDOCTOR

RATING	MATURITY
90-92	-

This has the trademark Thunevin oak on the nose, all toasty cigar box over chocolate-infused fruit. The palate follows up with a well-polished substance, with a core of supple blackcurrant and blackberry, black pepper and toast, supported by a cleanly delineated frame of tannins. A charming wine, filled with taut texture and smoky oak, which will need time to integrate but it will give good drinking in five or ten years. This wine, in Jean-Luc Thunevin's swansong vintage, is 90% Merlot and 5% each Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The alcohol is reported to be 13.5%. From my Bordeaux 2025 primeurs assessment.

REVIEWED BY Chris Kissack | The Wine

Doctor - Source Bordeaux 2025 Primeurs:

St Emilion

DIRECT LINK [https://www.thewinedoctor.com/tastingsformal/bordeaux2025\\_stemilion.shtml](https://www.thewinedoctor.com/tastingsformal/bordeaux2025_stemilion.shtml)

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RATING	MATURITY
90-93	-

*Crunchy and fresh, fruit driven nose. Very smooth and vibrant with cherries and Asian spices in the juicy taste this is a top class second wine with a nice, crunchy, spicy aftertaste. It should be great to enjoy after 1-2 years of cellaring.*

**REVIEWED BY** Ivar Bjurner | The Wine independent - Source : Bordeaux 2025 en Primeur

**DIRECT LINK** <https://thewineindependent.com/tasting-notes/virginie-de-valandraud-saint-emilion-grand-cru-2025/>