

CHATEAU VALANDRAUD

Premier Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Émilion

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Primeur 2025

The vineyards of Château Valandraud, Premier Grand Cru Classé, are shaped by limestone. Cultivated like a garden at the heart of preserved ecosystems, they place Merlot at the center of their expression, supported by Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon

Since the 2020 vintage, a bioclimatic cellar carved into the limestone hillside has supported winemaking and aging conducted with the utmost rigor. A signature wine. A distinct identity.

“ A vintage where natural balance and true subtlety reveal themselves through an evident simplicity ”

Following a mild winter and ample water reserves, the growing season began early. The mild spring fostered steady and uniform growth. The hot, dry summer, marked by a high of 41.4°C on August 11, temporarily slowed the vines' activity. The return of more moderate temperatures and rain in late August reignited the grapes' ripening process. The red grape harvest began on September 12 and proceeded with the grapes in excellent condition.

In this hot vintage, the limestone plateau and north-facing slopes played a decisive role in the vineyard's balance. Vineyard management was adjusted to limit the impact of solar radiation and preserve the balance of the clusters: measured leaf removal, grass management, and natural foliage protection. The coolest plots played a central role in the blend.

Harvesting begins when the skins reach optimal ripeness. Winemaking remains traditional, with relatively short macerations to preserve the purity of the fruit. Aging combines barrels and large casks, with a careful selection of coopers, woods, and toasting levels to highlight the wine's balance and precision.

Château Valandraud 2025 displays a deep color, pure fruit, and a dense, creamy tannic structure. The balance is particularly well-developed, with moderate alcohol and a natural freshness that supports the wine's depth and energy.

Terroir

A limestone plateau 85 m above the level of the Dordogne

Area harvested

9 hectares

Average age of the vines

18 years

Consultants

Paul-Marie Morillon for viticulture, Jean-Philippe Fort and Alexandre Béra for winemaking (Laboratoire Rolland & Associés)

Blend

84 % Merlot,
9 % Cabernet Sauvignon,
7 % Cabernet Franc

Ageing

90% in new barrels and 10% aged in wooden casks – 20 months

Harvest

12/09 – 4/10

Production

35 000 bottles

Alcohol degree

14,0 %

pH

3,50

