

Virginie
de
Valandraud
2014
SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU

Virginie de Valandraud was created in 1992 and named after Jean-Luc and Murielle's daughter.

Since the extension of the vineyard, from the vintage 1997, **Virginie de Valandraud** has its own identity. Vines come from the same plots and wine making is treated with the same care as Château Valandraud.

Because of the constant excellency of wine's quality, Virginie de Valandraud is often considered to be the second wine of Chateau Valandraud, the first Grand Cru Classé of Saint-Emilion.

Technical information:

Soils: clayey limestone and gravel

Average age of the vines: 30 years

Blending: 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Manual harvest with several sorting including Tribaie technology

Wine making : in thermoregulated stainless steel tanks

Ageing: 20 months in new oak barrels



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Neal Martin - 91 points

The 2014 Virginie de Valandraud was surprisingly closed when I tasted it, although there is a sense of coiled up energy here, as if to say, come back in a couple of years. The palate is medium-bodied with ripe tannin, a keen thread of acidity, surprising backbone and body with a vibrant, mineral-rich finish. This has great potential, but I would be wary of opening it too soon.



91 points

Lovely, with an open-knit, flattering display of plum sauce and creamed raspberry notes infused with light anise, cocoa and fruitcake hints. Ready to go. Drink now through 2026. 5,417 cases made.

—JM

JAMESSUCKLING.COM  **94 points**

The blueberry, blackberry and stone aromas are impressive in this second wine. Full-bodied, dense and very polished with an ultra-fine tannin structure. Beautiful now as a young wine but will be superb in 2021.