



## HOUSE OF TOWNEND

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

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**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.

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### 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	
<b>Vinification</b>	Harvest 12h September - 4th October with a yield of 35hl/ha. Aged in 90% new oak barrels.
<b>Size</b>	6x75cl
<b>Drinking Window</b>	Drink from 2030 through to 2040
<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Bordeaux
<b>Area</b>	Saint-Émilion
<b>Type</b>	Red Wine
<b>Grape Mix</b>	84% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc
<b>Genres</b>	En Primeur, Fine Wine
<b>Vintage</b>	2025
<b>Body</b>	Rich, round and full flavoured
<b>Producer</b>	Château Valandraud
<b>Producer Overview</b>	<p>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-Émilion Premier Grand Cru Classé status in 2012 and renewed in 2022.</p>
<b>Closure Type</b>	Cork