

# Act 2

Act 2 opens with three vintages - 2014, 2015 and 2016 - that first made Murielle and Jean-Luc's eyes shine at their birth, and that continue today to move through their precision.

Wines born from a terroir now fully established on the limestone plateau, where density, subtlety, balance and great ageing potential come together in a timeless composition.



## . 2014

### PRECISION AND TENSION

90 % Merlot • 10 % Cabernet Franc  
24 108 bottles • 24 months ageing in new French oak barrels

*Enjoyable today. Decant one hour before serving.*

“The 2014 Valandraud from Saint-Émilion superstar Jean-Luc Thunevin is certainly up with the *crème de la crème* of the vintage.”

95 points. *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Wow.

*The blackberry, licorice and blueberry aromas are really spellbinding.*”

96 points. *James Suckling*

## . 2015

### DEPTH AND SEDUCTION

90 % Merlot • 5 % Cabernet Franc  
5 % Cabernet Sauvignon • 41 000 bottles  
22 months ageing in new French oak barrels

*Charming already. Decant one hour before serving.*

“A wine that will be a candidate for perfection at maturity, the 2015 Valandraud is a heavenly wine that exhibits a deep, saturated ruby / purple color as well as a sensational bouquet of blackcurrants, cassis, graphite (...).”

99 points. *Jeb Dunnuck*

“Great stuff, leans into the vintage and shows its joy.”

97 points. *Jane Anson*

## . 2016

### ENERGY AND AGEING POTENTIAL

90 % Merlot • 7 % Cabernet Franc  
3 % Cabernet Sauvignon • 31 453 bottles  
22 months ageing in new French oak barrels

*Cellar-worthy. Decant two hours before serving.*

“A wine with lovely, classy nature and personality. One of the best Valandrauds I have tasted at this stage.”

98 points. *James Suckling*

“Jean-Luc Thunevin has crafted a supremely gifted Saint-Émilion.”

96 points. *Vinous, Neal Martin*