

= Vanilla Chocolat =

" Vanilla Chocolat " is a song recorded by Romanian singer Alexandra Stan for her second studio album , Unlocked (2014) . It features guest vocals provided by Romanian rapper Connect @-@ R. The track was made available for digital download on 24 December 2014 as the album 's fourth single . " Vanilla Chocolat " was written by Stan , Connect @-@ R , Sava Constantin , Alexandru Cotoi and Mika Moupondo , while production was handled by Cotoi . A selfie music video for the song was directed by Stan and The Architect , and debuted on Stan 's YouTube channel on 18 December 2014 . After its release , musical critics praised " Vanilla Chocolat " for Connect @-@ R 's " catchy rap " and French bits , while others pointed out the " easy @-@ to @-@ sing " , but at the same time " nonsense " lyrics of the track . The song was performed during Stan 's " Unlocked Tour " (2014) , and together with " Cherry Pop " at the Romanian show , Vocea României .

= = Background and recording = =

" Vanilla Chocolat " was written by Stan , Sava Constantin , Alexandru Cotoi , Stefan Mihalache and Mika Moupondo , while production was handled by Cotoi . The track was recorded at Fonogram Studios in Bucharest , Romania . The song features lyrics written in both English and French . " Vanilla Chocolat " was composed during the Fonocamp songwriting @-@ camp in Azuga , Romania , where she worked on new songs along with fellow Romanian and international artists . Particularly , Stan felt that she was very " pleased with the collaboration , because [she] really wanted to work with Romanian artists , not just with Romanian producers like on [her] second studio album . " She talked about the choosing of Connect @-@ R as the guest vocalist for " Vanilla Chocolat " :

" I chose Connect @-@ R because it seems that he can " deal " with every music genre , because he is flexible and he can continue even with every unexpected change or sound combination . Connect @-@ R can also sing in every language without any problems , because he believes in his own work . We met at the Fonogram Studios , and we started ' half seriously and jokingly ' to work on the song , along with Alex Cotoi . The result is ' sweet and fragrant ' .

= = Critical reception = =

The recording received generally positive reviews upon release . Pop Shock reviewed Stan 's second studio album , Unlocked , in late 2014 , where they commended that " Vanilla Chocolat " was one of the best songs of the album . They felt that " everything about this track is pure pop perfection ? from the playful French bits , to the Bollywood @-@ inspired chorus . It also sounds completely different to everything else in the charts right now . " Pop Shock were initially disappointed by the video being " Selfie cam " , but they went on to say that " it holds up to multiple viewings and suits the joyous nature of the song " . German website Hitfire reported the video premiere of " Vanilla Chocolat " on 1 January 2015 , where they praised the catchy dance @-@ pop beat incorporated in the refrain of the song and the " easy @-@ to @-@ sing " , but at the same time " nonsense " lyrics " . It 's very unlikely to become a worldwide hit , because it is too mediocre . "

= = Music video = =

A selfie video , which also served as the official video for " Vanilla Chocolat " , premiered on 18 December 2014 on Alexandra Stan 's official YouTube channel . It was directed by Stan during one single week . She filmed herself on different TV shows , where she was invited to perform the track , including " Neata cu Razvan si Dani " and " La Maru?? " . Stan additionally directed at the Fonogram Studios , Roton Studios , the rehearsal room of Emil Rengle and her own house , describing the video as being " full of energy " for featuring many public figures such as Mihai Morar , R?zvan ?i Dani or Adelina Pestri?u . Few scenes of the video were not filmed by Stan alone , for which The Architect is credited as being the cameraman . Particularly , Dinu and Deea Maxer compared the

selfie video for " Vanilla Chocolat " with their clip for " Selfie en Paris " .

= = Live performances = =

Stan 's first live performance of " Vanilla Chocolat " was on 1 December 2014 on Neatza cu Razvan si Dani , which was followed by her lip @-@ synced performance of the song on Wowbiz , in order to film some scenes for the single 's accompanying selfie video . Following the release of the clip , Stan performed a stripped @-@ down version of " Vanilla Chocolat " on the Romanian radio station Pro FM on 2 December 2014 , where she also sang Romania 's national anthem backed with instruments played by Andrei Gheorghe , Greeg and Alexandru Cotoi . Alexandra Stan was invited to perform on the Romanian version of The Voice on 12 December 2014 . There , she lip @-@ synced both " Cherry Pop " and " Vanilla Chocolat " . Shortly after the act , juror Tudor Chirila expressed how he was very " dissaponted " of Stan 's act , as Stan didn 't provide live vocals . In an interview with Cancan , Stan confessed that " [her] conditions of appearance on Vocea României were already discussed with the show 's producers , so no one should have been surprised about [her] playback @-@ performance " .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Unlocked and The Collection

= = Track listings = =

= = Release history = =