CHÂTEAU
St PIERRE de SERJAC



## A MAGNIFICENT VINEYARD ESTATE & WORKING WINERY WITH CHÂTEAU HOTEL, SPA AND LUXURY SELF-CATERING PROPERTIES IN THE FRENCH LANGUEDOC

Château St Pierre de Serjac is one of the Languedoc's most beautiful wine estates and occupies a beautiful elevated 200 acre site, with uninterrupted views of rolling vines, olive groves and woodland. A collaboration between winemaker Laurent Bonfils and hoteliers Karl and Anita O'Hanlon, who have been spearheading the Languedoc's renaissance since 2012 with the opening of Château Les Carrasses. Château St Pierre de Serjac is their second property which they have lovingly converted into an intimate hotel with 8 luxurious bedrooms, a cocktail bar, restaurant whilst beyond, scattered around the grounds, the original outbuildings have been converted into 36 stylish and fully equipped self-catering properties. First class facilities include a heated infinity pool, Cinq Mondes spa, clay tennis court, kids club and a fully modernised working winery.



## THE CHÂTEAU HOTEL

Restored in 1886 by Baron Cyprien de Crozals and designed by pre-eminent architect Louis- Michel Garros, the Château itself, houses the bar and restaurant as well as eight spacious and stylish hotel rooms. The interiors were designed by Karl O'Hanlon and Michelle Crouzet, a former model and antiques dealer at Paris' famous 'Marché aux Puces'. The feel is quintessentially French – Empire style rubs shoulders with Louis XVI, while Art Nouveau, Art Deco and mid-century touches lend a slightly louche, almost decadent feel. Add in the vintage chandeliers, velvet and rich colours, and the result is both glamorous and laid back.

While the rooms are stylish, the essentials have not been overlooked – the beds are oversized and comfortable, and guests can expect large en suite bathrooms (six rooms have dramatic polished steel Bateau tubs in the room itself) luxurious bathrobes and well stocked mini bars.

Downstairs in the original Château drawing room is the relaxing bar, where guests can sip estate wines and cocktails next to the elegant 19th Century fireplace or wander through the large double doors out onto a series of protected sunny terraces overlooking the pool and the vineyards.





The restaurant, fittingly in what was the dining room of the Château, is striking in both design and ambition. With huge Venetian chandeliers and chic leather chairs, the dining room has the feel of a bygone Paris salon with a glamorous-yet-relaxed, speakeasy atmosphere. Most of the year though guests sit outside on the lovely terrace soaking up the magnificent countryside surroundings and picturesque views – the Languedoc is reputed to get 300 days of sunshine a year.

With a menu offering a distinctive pan-Mediterranean accent, drawing inspiration from the fabled French cuisine but also from nearby Catalonia and Italy, as well as further Mediterranean reaches such as the Maghreb, Turkey and further East. The dishes are firmly based on local seasonal ingredients. From olives and truffles to the oysters and shellfish of the Thau lagoon, Pyrenean lamb, Aubrac beef and the extraordinary selection of cheeses (Roquefort is just 40 mins North), the abundance of local produce will be put to work alongside a constant supply of seasonal fruit, vegetables and herbs from the estate gardens and orchards. Founded in 1870, Vignobles Bonfils is one of the largest independent wine companies in France, with a long history of injecting both oenological expertise and marketing nous into struggling Châteaux and Estates. It is understandable then that, the wine list majors on Bonfils wines – providing a full tour of the wines produced across their estates. A commitment to showcasing the Languedoc as a quality wine region is demonstrated via an outbound selection of wines from across the territory.






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## THE WINERY

At the heart of the estate is a state of the art winery, run by Laurent and his team who work to create iconic wines capable of standing shoulder to shoulder with the very best offers of more celebrated regions. Designed with the visitor in mind there is a dedicated state of the art tasting room and a full programme of wine related activities so guests can immerse themselves in all aspects of the wine making process from a simple guided wine walk in the vines to a three day full immersion.







## MORE THAN A HOTEL ROOM – 36 STYLISH RESIDENCES

For those wanting more space and independence, the original outbuildings of the estate have been converted into 36 luxury self-catering properties which are available for rent all year round. Assembled around a series of connected courtyards, these characterful buildings range from generous two bedroom apartments to large four bed houses. Each property has a private garden with fantastic views, outdoor dining facilities, BBQs and comfortable sun loungers. 17 have private swimming pools, heated from the end of May to late September.

Inside the original proportions of these once agricultural buildings make for dramatic, elegant spaces. Thoughtful interior design takes its cue from both the aristocratic and agricultural heritage of the estate, marrying traditional character, natural materials and a contemporary use of space and light. Generous living spaces, fully equipped Italian kitchens and en suite bathrooms are enhanced by stylish French furnishings. All the trappings are included, with Nespresso machines, the all-essential Wi-Fi, flat screen TV's and Sound Docks.















## ESTATE FACILITIES

All guests have access to the inviting 30 metre heated infinity pool with its beautiful viewing terrace, luxurious sun loungers and poolside bar service. Framing the pool, beautifully manicured gardens are ideal for gentle strolls, quiet reading and yoga. For those wanting a break from the sedate pace, a state of the art clay tennis court, boules court, running trails and quality cycle equipment with mapped routes for different levels of fitness and competence are available. A Kids Club (4-12 years) opens throughout the holiday periods and takes advantage of the estate's sweeping natural playground. Den making, flower pressing and archeological digs – St Pierre de Serjac was originally the site of a Roman villa – are on the outdoor inspired agenda. Babysitting can be organized through a screened panel of local babysitters.


















## THE SPA

Hidden within tranquil gardens, a welcoming Mediterranean Spa offers a light-filled sanctuary for spoiling and pampering. Offering mostly organic treatments by French spa brand Cinq Mondes, liberal French flair and joie de vivre preside over rigid rules and clinical sensibilities – the team refer to it as a 'guilt free' spa – where chilled estate rosé sits alongside the traditional herbal tea and detox juices.

Beyond the four treatment rooms (one double), is an alpine style indoor pool housed in a solarium like structure whose huge sliding doors peel back to allow sunlight to flood into the space. A serene and sensual sanctuary to be enjoyed throughout the year, the pool area also has a hot tub, aromatherapy hammam, sauna and relaxation area. Outside, the spa's large terrace and aromatic gardens are dotted with huge cocoon-like double loungers with fleecy blankets and hot water bottles provided in the winter.

## EVENTS

Above the winery is a huge, stylish event space hosting up to 200 people and perfectly set up for fabulous parties and weddings, as well as exhibitions, conferences, seminars, product launches and the like. The space, originally the 'quai de reception' where the grapes were brought in from harvest, is a unique venue with high vaulted ceilings and huge wooden beams, walls decorated with the original 19th Century blue prints of the estate and magnificent views over the vineyards.













## THE LANGUEDOC

Stretching lazily along the Mediterranean from the Cote d'Azur to the Spanish border, the Languedoc retains all of the authentic charm and timeless appeal of the South of France. Boasting one of the most varied and exciting wine regions in the world, as well as being the sunniest region in France. Easily accessible with airports at Toulouse, Montpellier, Béziers, Carcassonne and Perpignan all offering direct links throughout the UK, the region is also easily accessible via efficient motorway and fast train (TGV) connections.

Embodying the quintessential charm, conviviality and art de vivre for which the South of France is known, Château St Pierre de Serjac combines a stealthily stylish aesthetic with a seductive, laid back ambiance.



## CONTACT & INFORMATION

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