

THE BORDEAUX VINEYARDS



A verdant landscape featuring slopes planted with some of the most famous vineyards in the world, the Médoc stretches languorously along the Gironde estuary, a mere one-hour drive from Bordeaux. Owner of Château Cos d'Estournel, Michel Reybier has transformed the house of Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel, founder of the estate, into a residence dedicated to the joy of relaxing in the heart of nature.

A COUNTRY HOME INFUSED WITH RURAL CHARM

For a weekend or a short break, La Maison d'Estournel with its 14 elegant and warm rooms welcomes city dwellers looking to unplug – whether as a couple, with family or among friends. English designer Alex Michaelis has created a decor entirely in tune with the surroundings, where simplicity is the keynote. Here, time suddenly seems to slow down, giving way to a forgotten rhythm within a deliciously calm, unspoiled place.

An opportunity to indulge in a real urban detox, to renew a healthy and authentic lifestyle, far from any artifice or need to keep up appearances. Infinitely restful and absolutely necessary to reconnect with oneself and those one loves.

INSIDE LOUIS-GASPARD D'ESTOURNEL'S PRIVATE RESIDENCE



"A white Italian villa, calm and soothing, half lost
amid the shade of the saplings surrounding it!
Terraces, colonnades, English gardens, meadows,
orchards, huge gardens..."

Thus ran the description of the residence of the founder of Cos d'Estournel in the mid-19th century, exactly as he had dreamed it would be. A century and a half later, the young saplings of the magnificent grounds have grown into venerable trees, yet the spirit has remained the same.

Michel Reybier, careful to perpetuate Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel's values and ambitions, has honored him by finally bringing together the Cos d'Estournel estate and the private residence of the "Maharajah de Saint-Estèphe", just a few hundred meters away. With this new design, the remarkable architectural ensemble has recaptured its original integrity.

A CHIC COUNTRY REFUGE AT THE HEART OF THE MÉDOC

The tone is set right from the start: guests are made to feel at home here. The huge open space on the ground floor is designed like a private residence, where you can move smoothly between the cozy lounge with its spectacular fireplace and the dining room with its large convivial tables, as well as between the library and the kitchen – the latter being freely accessible to those wishing to discover the secrets of the chef at work. Ignoring the conventional codes of the traditional hotel industry, this is a place dedicated to an art of living in complete simplicity, where guests can even try their hand in the kitchen if the fancy takes them.

Everyone does exactly what they feel like...

Accompanied by attentive yet informal service, each stay is an opportunity to share different experiences and to forget everything, fully enjoying a relaxed break of the kind that is all too rare in everyday life.

Spend an afternoon nestled in a soft cashmere blanket by the fire to indulge in the saga you've been longing to read...

**GUESTS
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Discover the wonders of the vegetable garden and chat with the gardener about tomatoes and zucchini. Laze in the sun on the terrace before getting lost in the grounds, where the giant redwood and cedars have seen more than one game of hide and seek...

Between bike rides and golf, picnics in the vineyards and fishing, immersing yourself in the rich and wild terroir of the Médoc region is tinged with a sense of cheerful nostalgia. An authentic change of scenery in a charming residence, offering a forceful reminder that happiness is a fundamentally simple thing.

CHARMINGLY REFINED GUEST ROOMS

Powerfully inspired by the bucolic environment, designer Alex Michaelis has chosen noble and natural materials, in tune with the country home atmosphere desired by Michel Reybier. Spread over two floors built around an elegant stone and iron staircase, the 14 rooms and suites are divided into four categories. The entire residence features vintage-style solid oak floors and natural materials such as raw linen or velvet, punctuated by discreet references to the world of the vine.

Junior Terrace Suite

The first floor is the perfect place to play the owner of the estate, admiring the vineyards and even the pagodas of Cos d'Estournel from the charming colonnaded balcony. But Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel never had the privilege of choosing between a freestanding bath tub or a spacious shower area inspired by oak barrels, with its delicately rounded shape accentuated by a dainty mosaic motif. A planked timber floor, a sweeping headboard shape inspired by those of antique

French beds, a hand-woven, peach-colored wool rug, curtains embroidered with a playful multicoloured pattern...

The softly matching colors are complemented by splendid garden views that can be enjoyed equally from the bed, the armchair or the bath. Doors onto the terrace provide direct access to the outdoors for a relaxed breakfast in the sunshine or a glass of wine before dinner.

29 square meters

Junior Suite

This suite offers two windows from which to admire the grounds and the vineyards stretching as far as the eye can see, from the second floor and even from the bed. The freestanding tub enables guests to make the most of the scenery while bathing. It backs on to the beautifully rounded shower unit, adorned with

intense blue tiling. These curving shower areas were crafted onsite, using age-old artisanal techniques. Perfect for reading or enjoying a relaxing glass of wine, two deep green velvet armchairs strike a pleasing contrast with the multicolored embroidered curtains and the classic white timber-paneled walls.

31 square meters

Estournel Terrace room

The balcony lends a particularly charming touch to this extremely spacious room on the first floor. Right from the entrance, the deep colors of the headboard, velvet-covered seats and lamp echo the stylized and embroidered floral motifs of the curtains to create an ideal setting for Nature's verdant, ever-changing tableau.

The bathroom is sheltered in a rounded area, replicating the curve of a cellar barrel, while the bathtub takes its place at the foot of the bed. Outside, the same serenity pervades you as you admire the beauty of the landscape in a spirit of total simplicity and authenticity reflecting that of the entire Maison.

26 square meters

Estournel room

The beauty of the grounds and the vines can be seen in all its authenticity from this spacious second floor room. The purity of the walls, punctuated by touches of burgundy and deep blue, the solid oak parquet flooring, the shimmering stylized floral embroideries adorning the curtains... Everything contributes to create the

ideal setting with two wide openings to admire the green, unspoiled nature of the Médoc region. The bathtub at the foot of the bed view with the shower area nestling in a curved area inspired by the oak barrels used in the cellars, or when a bathroom mingles an intimate feel with vintage charm...

31 square meters

Cos Rooms

Facing the morning sun, some afford views of one of the two towers in the grounds, a true privilege! In clear weather, one can glimpse the emblematic pagodas of Cos d'Estournel. The ceiling cornices recall the style typical of the bourgeois homes of historical wine estate owners. Even the shape of the shower units is inspired by the oak barrels used in wine cellars. The headboards upholstered in deep

cushioned velvet provide a comfortable place for reading a book and basking in the abundance of natural light bathing the space. Green, red and white: the color palette is inspired by vineyards and wine, and brings the fresh tones of the garden inside, notably picked up in the floral motif of the satin-smooth curtains.

from 20 to 26 square meters

Pagode Rooms

Most of them are located on the west side and overlook the imposing plane tree gracing the entrance courtyard. From some windows, one can admire the flowered roofs of the outbuildings and even the wisteria creeping across the stones weathered by the centuries. The dark oak plank floor and white walls create a serene atmosphere, an understated elegance that contrasts with a subtle mix of colors and refined fabrics. The curtains adorned with a delicate

embroidered floral motif match the cushions on the bed, where careful observers will note the silhouette of an elephant, a discreet reference to the emblematic symbol of the Cos d'Estournel estate. All rooms have a very large shower area, which sometimes benefits from natural light through picturesque openings onto the outside.

from 21 to 25 square meters

MAJESTIC GROUNDS SURROUNDED BY VINEYARDS

Often charmingly decorated with roses, the Médoc's vine fields are the pride of the region and occupy every single available natural space... Owning five-hectare grounds with century-old trees is therefore a real privilege here. Nestled in the surrounding vineyards, the huge English-style garden created in the 19th century by Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel is large enough to stroll randomly and get lost in the greenery, enjoy lunch in the shade of majestic trees, have tea in a romantic grove or read quietly in a hammock in complete privacy.

A careful look even reveals dolphins, a surprising symbol decorating one of the two splendid square towers made of ashlar masonry, set on either side of

the house. A subtle reminder of the closeness of the ocean. It is indeed not uncommon to spot the silhouette of a boat appearing to sail over the vineyards... No, it is not a mirage, only the Gironde estuary that can be seen in the distance! Full of surprises, the grounds conceal a charming vegetable garden behind a bouquet of trees, complete with its scarecrow, a wooden cabin for the gardener's tools and even a henhouse. This is where the Chef comes to get fresh eggs, fruit and vegetables. From terroir to table...

AN EPICUREAN TERROIR BY NATURE

World famous for its wines, Bordeaux is also not to be outdone when it comes to food. In the heart of the southwest, the region is part of the Gascony region, a land inhabited by people who love the good things in life, and rich in excellent products, from the tradition of foie gras to the gathering of mushrooms and truffles, from strawberries to Sables des Landes asparagus...

The chef of the hotel's restaurant pays tribute to the treasures of this generous terroir with local seasonal cuisine, modernized with a view to maximizing lightness and simplicity. Thanks to the open kitchen concept, guests can sit around the counter and enjoy a glass of wine or have a front-row seat witnessing and even participating in meal preparation with the chef.

ENJOY THE WONDERS OF THE VINEYARD IN THE CELLAR

In the Bordeaux region, no mansion would be complete without a cellar... and here, once again, Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel had everything planned. The basement of his house conceals a superb vaulted cellar made entirely of stone, into which daylight streams through a dedicated window. The tasting area is devoted to the wines of Cos d'Estournel: Cos d'Estournel and Pagodes de Cos.

Connoisseurs will recognize the carved elephants, the symbols of Cos d'Estournel, a property founded in 1791. Just next to the tasting area, recent work has unearthed a secret cellar that has been walled in for generations and is now used for conservation.

KEEN TO BE ACTIVE?

It is more than tempting to indulge in the sweetness of life of the Médoc, enjoying the pleasure of doing virtually nothing, eyes lost in the blue sky or fascinated by the flames of the fireplace. However, even a long weekend would not be enough to exhaust the region's resources...

Discovery trails

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In pairs, as a group or as a family, there are boundless opportunities to explore the natural beauties of the surroundings: the Etang de Cousseau, the Dunes & Marais d'Hourtin Nature Reserve, the Logit and Perge marshes. By bike, on foot, on horseback or on a quad, one is sure to enjoy some amazing encounters. Moving to a higher level and defying the ocean means following the Route des Phares de Médoc Atlantique, a route running through the forest between the Cordouan, Grave, Richard and Hourtin lighthouses. Higher still? Hot-air balloon rides in the Médoc offer a unique view of the vineyards, the Gironde Estuary and the Atlantic beaches stretching to infinity.

Natural sensations

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Retreating to the Médoc also naturally involves getting involved in sport through a range of breathtaking activities: practicing your swing on the golf courses of Lacanau or Margaux, horse-riding in the forests or vineyards for the inland side of things; or else indulging in maritime pleasures such as surfing to your heart's content in Carcans-Hourtin, kayaking down the Guâ canal from Saint-Vivien de Médoc or enjoying an adrenaline rush in a sand yacht at Montalivet.

Oenological escapades

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Cos d'Estournel, naturally, Châteaux Lafite-Rothschild, Mouton-Rothschild, Pichon Baron, Palmer and many others... The temptation to visit some of Bordeaux's legendary castles is truly irresistible. A trip along the legendary "D2" municipal road to visit some of the top temples to the art of wine in Bordeaux is a must and after a few select tastings, it's on to Vertheuil for a tour of the Tonnellerie Berger, which makes the barrels used by Cos d'Estournel among others and perpetuates an ancestral craft.

Gourmet explorations

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The markets of the Médoc have plenty to whet gourmets' appetite, and the nearby Délices du Médoc and Jardin Médocain vegetable producers are well worth a mention. It is here that the chef chooses his fresh vegetables when the produce from the garden in the grounds is not enough to meet guests' needs. To taste organic bread baked over a wood fire in a beautiful stone oven, visit Elodie's in Gaillan. The gourmet tour also includes the Ferme du Baren de la Matte with its natural dairy products, the Ferme d'Hortélie which offers a combination of yoga and wild plants just ten minutes from the residence. Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the region's Noisetines (chocolate-coated hazelnuts) and Sarments (chocolate twists). Finally, for a tasting of oysters, head for Saint-Vivien, at the tip of the Médoc, where they are matured in the salt marshes.

Regional adventures

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The cruise on the Gironde Estuary with a stopover on Patiras Island and its lighthouse is a classic trip full of surprises, with many events organized on-site during the season. Fishing enthusiasts will absolutely wish to try square-net fishing at the Phare de Richard, featuring the huts on stilts typical of the Médoc since the 19th century. For bar and mackerel, one can opt to set off aboard a speedboat from Port Médoc to go fishing at sea or in the Estuary. In season, a private hunting party can be organized on request near Naujac.

PRIVATE COUNTRY PARTIES

Country weddings, birthday garden parties, rural banquets... Louis-Gaspard d'Estournel's residence has hosted splendid receptions since the beginning of the 19th century and its romantic decor is perfect for any event. The premises can

be completely privatized with customized services. The assurance of leaving an unforgettable memory ingrained in the memory of each and every guest.

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ABOUT MICHEL REYBIER

Rare, unique places where one feels at ease, unforgettable experiences savored in a simple, natural way, extraordinary products secretly revealed... Michel Reybier is determined to offer the best. His name has become a label, a signature, yet he is above all attached to the club spirit that exists only through the contentment experienced by his guests and clients. A club that discreetly cultivates the essential values of excellence, authenticity and simplicity.

In his own words:



excellence
authenticity
simplicity

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My wish is that each of my guests, well-known or unknown but always acknowledged, should feel at home while being elsewhere; that they may share in an art of living filled with extreme refinement and delightful moments.

The discovery of an exceptional wine, a personalized spa program for an enhanced and longer life, a small kindness, a meaningful gesture... Each detail counts and contributes to creating the desired atmosphere of a club one is keen to enter and where spending time is a true pleasure.

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