

Domaine Dans Les Vignes

Region: Aquitaine **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

With views of vineyards as far as the Dordogne, Domaine Dans Les Vignes is a beautiful and unique French country home near some of the most prestigious wineries of southern France, a short drive from the idyllic wine-town of Saint-Émilion.

This 18th century *domaine* is wonderful for a group of friends or two small families with six charming bedrooms spread across two wings, the main villa and the neighbouring guest house, each with their own living spaces and well-equipped kitchens.

Step into the typically Bordeaux entrance of the Maison de Maître and feel a strong sense of history around you with its beautifully tiled floor and antique furnishings. A grand kitchen, historic dining area and cosy TV room can also be found in the main villa alongside a delightful summer lounge with doors leading to the pool; an ideal spot for a private wine-tasting that can be arranged by the hospitable owners, perhaps even featuring a bottle of Grand Cru from their impressive wine cellar.

The smaller guest house also has a pretty living-dining room and perfectly equipped kitchen plus there's a second lounge that can be set up for a visiting masseur, another one of the services that can be offered here.

There are six air-conditioned bedrooms, each with their own individual style, some featuring characteristics such as a canopied bed, antique pieces, impressive paintings and a whirlpool bath in one of the suites. With luxurious quality beds and sleeping only 10-12 guests, you can be assured of a restful night whichever bedroom you may choose.

Gaze at the vineyards from the swimming pool, laze in the



warmth on the raised sun terrace then enjoy al-fresco meals by the pool house and barbecue. Find a picturesque spot in the landscaped gardens with a glass of wine from a neighbouring vineyard, listening to the trickle of the fountain and admiring the summer roses.

On the road leading to Saint-Émilion, you are surrounded by excellent vineyards and wineries; private tours and tastings can of course be arranged and look out for summer concerts in local wine-châteaux. Visit the town itself and be enchanted by its history as you explore its steep winding lanes.

Even closer to home, on the banks of the Dordogne river, is the small town of Castillon-la-Bataille, home to famous re-enactments that all the family will love in the height of the summer. Pick up morning pastries from the *boulangerie*, peruse the delights of the weekly market and hire canoes on the river.

Visit some of the villages of the Dordogne such as Sainte-Foy-la-Grande and Eynesse or continue as far as Bergerac with its *Maisons des Vins*. Heading west, take the train to Bordeaux or drive to the Atlantic coast to enjoy oysters and white wine by Arcachon bay. Close to the borders of the Gironde and Dordogne, this is a wonderful region of southern France for all to explore.

Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • Weddings • Quirky (Unique) • Tennis Nearby • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Bicycles Provided • Air-Con • Maid Service Available • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Catering Available • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Wine Cellar • Heating • High Chair(s) • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Main Villa Interiors (356m2)

Ground Floor

- Large entrance with seating area and fireplace
- Living room with sofa, satellite TV and Playstation 2
- Dining area
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, gas hobs, fridge, microwave, toaster, mixer, coffee machines (inc. Nespresso machine) and table with bar stalls (x11)
- Summer room (80m2) with sofas, library, music system and doors leading to pool terrace

First Floor

- Bedroom One with double bed (180cm), lounge area and large single (140cm). Open-plan whirlpool bath (on request) and WC
- Bedroom Two with double bed (180cm) and terrace with views. Dressing area with desk. Bathroom with shower and WC
- Bedroom Three with twin beds (90cm each). Shower room with WC

Guest Villa Interiors (168m2)

Ground Floor

- Entrance
- Living room with library, music system and fireplace
- Living-dining room with sofas, TV, dining table (8 guests)
- Kitchen, well-equipped with dishwasher, electric hob, microwave, fridge, toaster, kettle, coffee machines, pressure cooker and breakfast table
- Guest WC
- Laundry area

First Floor

- Bedroom Four with canopy double bed (180cm) and



armchairs. Bathroom with WC

- Bedroom Five with double bed (160cm) and sofa.

Dressing area and bathroom with shower and WC

- Bedroom Six with small double bed (160cm) and cot.

Bathroom with WC.

- Desk and table with internet connection

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (5x10m, depth 80cm-2.2m) with safety alarm. Open May to end-September, can be heated on request

- Raised sun terrace (with open sides)

- Sun beds (x10) and al-fresco sofas

- Pool house

- Al-fresco dining areas with tables and chairs

- Plancha-BBQ

- Fountain

- Bikes (x3)

- Landscaped gardens (3000m2)

- Two entrances

- Automatic gate

- Private car parking spaces inc. car port (x2) near guest house

Features

- Wi-Fi

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)

- Wine cellar (on request)

- Satellite TV

- DVD and video player

- Hi-Fi with CD player

- Playstation 2 and video games

- Games

- Hairdryer

- Ironing facilities

- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Close to the Dordogne border, in the Gironde department, Domaine Dans Les Vignes enjoys a delightful setting with panoramic views of the surrounding vineyards and beautiful valleys, only 12km from the idyllic wine-town of Saint-Émilion.

There is a small local village within 1km but you will find the nearest *boulangerie* and food shops in Castillon-la-Bataille (5km) which also hosts a Monday morning market. On the banks of the Dordogne river, it's a pleasant town to explore and in the summer you can hire canoes on the river. The town is most famous for its re-enactments of the battles of Castillon which take place on Friday and Saturday evenings in late July and August, featuring over 500 actors and 50 horses – not to be missed!

Across this region you have many other wonderful events such as classical music concerts in surrounding wine châteaux near Saint-Émilion and many local festivities taking place such as the Saint-Émilion Jazz Festival in late June/July.

Indeed, at any time of year Saint-Émilion (12km) is a picture-perfect town to explore. Dating back to pre-historic times, there are many historic gems to discover as you wander around the charming steep lanes from beautiful Romanesque churches and underground catacombs to the famous monolithic church created from a block of stone. The town and its surrounding vineyards are now classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

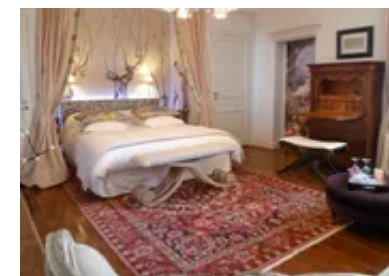
As well as private wine-tasting in the *domaine's* summer room, private tours and tastings can be arranged at many of the local vineyards and wine châteaux, including the services of an experienced oenologist. From here you can cover the Bordeaux wine regions of Saint-Émilion, Pomerol, Medoc and Sauternes.

The owners can arrange bike hire for you as a great way to explore the area surrounding the domaine. There is also horse-riding nearby offering hacks through the vineyards as well as tennis in Saint-Émilion and golf at Tom Doak's stunning Golf Saint Emillionais (5km).

The Dordogne is also waiting to be explored whether it's a trip to nearby Sainte-Foy-la-Grande (23km) with its Saturday morning market or a little further south to Issigeac (60km), an incredibly picturesque town with a delightful market on a Sunday morning. The Jardins de Sardy (16km) are also just a short drive away whilst the historic wine-town of Bergerac (48km), with its pretty old town and famous Maisons des Vins, is just under an hour by car.

Heading west, Bordeaux (55km) is a fantastic day out and you could even consider taking the 45-minute train from nearby Castillon-la-Bataille. Wine-lovers will appreciate La Cité du Vin or you can just spend time admiring the beautiful architecture in the city and experiencing its vibrant restaurant scene.

You can even reach the Atlantic coast in just over ninety minutes with the amazing bay of Arcachon (115km) and incredible Dune du Pyla (120km).



If arriving by train, please note Gare de Libourne (20km) has a TGV service from Paris.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bergerac Airport (50km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bordeaux Airport (65km)
Nearest Train Station	Castillon/Gare de Libourne (4km/20km)
Nearest Village	Small village/Castillon-la-Bataille (1km/5km)
Nearest Town/City	Saint-Émilion/Bordeaux (12km/55km)
Nearest Restaurant	Castillon-la-Bataille (5km)
Nearest Shop	Castillon-la-Bataille (5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Castillon-la-Bataille (5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Saint Emillionais (5km)
Nearest Tennis	Saint-Émilion (12km)
Nearest Beach	Arcachon (115km)

What we love

- There's a real sense of history in this charming and characterful 18th-century *domaine*
- Enjoy endless vineyard views as far as the Dordogne from your swimming pool and sun terrace
- Arrange a private tasting of wonderful Bordeaux wines and regional cuisine in the stunning summer lounge
- Saint-Émilion is only 12km away, one of France's most beautiful wine-towns
- Hire canoes on the Dordogne river in Castillon-la-Bataille, 5km away (and don't miss the amazing historic re-enactments if visiting in late-July/August!)
- Take the train to the magnificent city of Bordeaux

What you should know...

- The maximum number of guests is 10 adults and 2 children
- There are three bedrooms in the main villa and three bedrooms in the attached guest house
- The raised sun terrace is a wonderful place to relax on the sun loungers and outdoor sofa – please note parental supervision is essential due to the open sides
- The friendly owner will occasionally pop in to maintain the private wine cellar

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings are available for maximum 12 guests on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are not allowed. Guests will be required to sign a copy of the owner's rental terms before the arrival. Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only. The friendly owner will occasionally pop in to maintain the private wine cellar.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Extra €550 per stay, deductible from the security deposit. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Insurance:** Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- **Minimum stay:** 4 nights.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost from January to end-April, payable locally.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Pool heating is available on request only and is payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** French Visitors Tax deductible from the security deposit (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to end-September. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.