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KEY FACTS

Awarded the prestigious Palace status, Les Sources de Caudalie embodies tranquillity and a unique sensibility of l'Art de Vivre through an appreciation of nature, art, wellbeing, beautiful food and fine wine – both from the family vineyards and beyond, all in the most exquisite of settings.

Situated amongst the vineyards of family-owned Château Smith Haute Lafitte in Bordeaux, Les Sources de Caudalie was established in 1999 and built in the style of a traditional local hamlet that evokes a timeless charm. Vineyards surrounded by forests form the picture-perfect landscape, while each of the buildings are reminiscent of an aspect of the Aquitaine region – created with recycled local materials – with interior décor to match.

The six houses comprising the hotel's thoughtfully designed rooms and suites are mindful of the rich and varied heritage of the region. Each room feels like a beautiful French home with a sophisticated country chic

style, an abundance of natural light and complementary soft furnishings and artworks.

Recognised in the Tatler Spa Awards 2019 and a haven of true wellbeing, the 1500 sq.m flagship Vinothérapie® Spa (the world's first) combines the effects of warm mineral springs with vine and grape extracts. Vinotherapists offer unique treatments based on the ancestral and anti-oxidant power of the vine, combined with the traditions of thalassotherapy.

Food and wine lovers will delight in the tasteful dining settings of Les Sources de Caudalie with its two Michelin starred culinary jewel, La Grande Vigne, producing creative yet traditional dishes, as well as delicious bistrostyle food at La Table du Lavoire and delectable regional specialities at Rouge. Guests can also enjoy cookery classes, and discover and take part in the wine-making process at the working vineyards of Château Smith Haute Lafitte, situated opposite the hotel.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Les Sources de Caudalie is located amongst the vineyards and forests of **Château Smith Haut Lafitte**, a Graves great growth

Just 20 minutes from Bordeaux airport, train station and

centre

Flight time from the UK to Bordeaux: 1 hour 30 min

Airlines flying from the UK to Bordeaux: British Airways, Ryanair and EasyJet

ACCOMMODATION

The six houses of Les Sources de Caudalie are home to the hotel's **40 rooms and 21 suites** including 7 Junior Suites and 14 Large Suites

40 Confort and Prestige Rooms: 25 to 30 sq.m; each is named after aspects of the regional heritage, boasts a unique decor, featuring antiques, collectable furniture and fine draperies. Most of them have a terrace or a balcony

with a beautiful view over Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte's vineyards or the lake.

7 Junior Suites: 35 sq.m; individually designed, they offer space, elegance and comfort and feature a cosy living area.

Rooms and suites are located across themed houses: La Bastide des Grands Crus (Great Growth Cottage) has a

central tower like the local walled villages and each room is dedicated to aspects of the wine industry; **Le Comptoir des Indes** (Indies Counter) comprises suites inspired by navigators who crossed the seas to distant lands to trade spices for Bordeaux wine; **La Grange au Bateau** (Boat Barn) rooms focus on the role of water in the region and **La Maison du Lièvre** (Hare Cottage) is a Landesstyle house with countryside furniture, reflecting the romantic tradition of the Aquitaine region and the affinity between vineyard owners and the hare.

14 Large Suites, which are over 40 sq.m. **Le Village des Pêcheurs** (Fisherman Village) offers 12 suites perched on stilts reminiscent of those in the Arcachon Bay; **Le Vent**

du Large (in La Grange au Bateau) and L'Ile aux Oiseaux (Bird Island), the honeymoon suite set atop stilts on the edge of the pond – it is redecorated every three years and the latest collaboration with Paris-based Lebanese couturier Rabih Kayrouz was recently announced in 2019. Kayrouz bring his elegant touch and Oriental inspiration into the design.

Château Le Thil: a historic country house built in 1737 set just a mile from Les Sources de Caudalie with 9 rooms and 2 suites. It is surrounded by extensive grounds, close to the Château Smith Haut Lafitte's wood. Rooms are available for individual bookings but La Chateau du Thil can also be hired out exclusively.

FACILITIES

La Grand'Vigne: refined yet welcoming, this two Michelin starred restaurant is the hotel's culinary jewel headed up by Chef Nicolas Masse, serving creative yet traditional dishes in a beautiful setting inspired by 18th century ornamental greenhouses. Its outdoor terrace overlooks the hotel's central small lake.

Nicolas Masse's team hosts two cookery classes every Saturday for guests and visitors.

La Table du Lavoire: provides delicious bistro-style food within a 19th century former wash house that has since been rebuilt and also has a covered terrace

Rouge: a bar with a relaxing and convivial atmosphere serving simple small plates of delectable regional specialities – combined with a gourmet food and wine shop

Château Smith Haute Lafitte: a Graves great growth; it has working vineyards surrounding the hotel, offering guests the opportunity to view every stage of the winemaking process throughout the year. Head Sommelier Aurélien Farrouil's team tutor introductory tasting courses and shares his knowledge of wine and the great growths of Bordeaux

The French Paradox bar: open daily, the bar's club armchairs and wooden floor give it a cosy atmosphere where guests can enjoy a collection of old spirits. The bar leads to the wine cellar, which holds 16,000 bottles from the world's most attractive wine producing regions

Tour de la Dégustation (Tasting Tower lounge): an enchanting spot overlooking the vineyards

The 1,500 sq.m Vinothérapie Spa has 20 treatment rooms, outdoor and indoor swimming pools, an outdoor wine barrel bath and relaxation areas overlooking the vineyards beyond. Therapies combine the potency of the healing vine and grape extracts with the traditions of thalassotherapy; the naturally warm spring water comes from a depth of over 540m.

There are plenty of activities for guests to enjoy including hiking, tennis, personal training sessions, cycling through the vineyards and visiting the region's Chateaux.

A moment's walk from Les Sources de Caudalie is the **Foret des 5 Sens** – this enchanting woodland trail leads guests to discover sculptures and immersive experiences that use the abundant nature that is enjoyable for all ages

PRIVATE ROOMS

The hotel offers the perfect setting for an elegant and magical wedding. The venue can be hired out exclusively so guests can stay in the 61 rooms and suites, enjoy elaborate and original cuisine and pamper themselves at the luxurious Vinothérapie Spa.

Chateau Le Thil can also be hired exclusively for weddings and special celebrations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Les Sources de Caudalie is inspired by the 'French Paradox', a study proving that the French diet and lifestyle, particularly in Southwest France, is conducive to

good health. Owners Alice and Jerome Tourbier delight in sharing this lifestyle with guests, maintaining local traditions and focusing on quality at all levels. They have established a place in tune with nature – a pinnacle of good taste, sensuality, and wellbeing

Founded by Alice Tourbier's sister, Mathilde Thomas, Les Sources de Caudalie is the birthplace of the eponymous skincare brand which was borne out of the family's winemaking business, harnessing the grape seed's exceptional properties to create the brand's products that are simultaneously natural, luxurious and effective

The owner family's Château Smith Haute Lafitte is a Graves great growth that produces its natural wines biodynamically and pioneers both traditional and modern processes. It is one of only three out of the 9,800 or so producers in the Bordeaux region to make its own barrels

La Grand'Vigne is pioneered by Nicolas Masse, who earned the restaurant its first Michelin star in 2010 (a year after taking the helm) and a second in 2015. The talented chef is known for making the most of carefully-chosen ingredients to produce creative yet traditional dishes that express the very essence of the local terroir and its

seasonal abundance, inspired by the surrounding vineyards

Positioned on the edge of a picturesque pond on the edge of a vineyard bordered by forest, Les Sources de Caudalie's romantic suite L'île aux L'Oiseaux - The Bird Island - is the jewel in the crown of this beautiful Bordeaux escape. A nest for two, this suite sees a new designer collaboration every three years, with the latest creative partnership being between Les Sources de Caudalie's owner Alice Tourbier and Rabih Kayrouz. Kayrouz follows previous designers such as Maison Martin Margiela, Maxime Simoëns and Delphine Manivet.

Nature and architecture are prominent at the hotel with international art blending seamlessly throughout the grounds, including Barry Flanagan's majestic hare that leaps at the entrance to the Château Smith Haute Lafitte and the indoor swimming pool, set in a timber greenhouse-style building, features a work of art by photographer Mathilde de l'Ecotais who has created an exquisite fish fin that gives the water a magical quality



Le Vent Du Large suite



La Table Du Lavoir



Chambre rouge



Prestige Suite Le Bontemps



La Grand Vigne garden



Indoor Pool



Rouge



Signature Suite Living Room



The French Paradox Bar



Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte exterior

