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For 25 years, this five stars hamlet-hotel has been writing its history through the vines of Château Smith Haut Lafitte. Grand Cru classé, unclassifiable atmosphere and French Paradox : the winning combi!

A full-blown way of life in the heart to the Graves vineyards.

Alice and Jérôme Tourbier property is a hamlet of six houses designed by the architect Yves Collet who respected the traditional Aquitaine style. Discover La Bastide des Grands Crus, Le Comptoir des Indes, La Maison du Lièvre, etc. and emerge in an exclusive atmosphere. The architecture of the 6th house, the most iconic - l'Île aux Oiseaux - reminds us of the huts built on stilts in Arcachon Bay.

In 2019, fashion designer Rabih Kayrouz created a sleek and subtle decoration for this Signature Suite: no walls disturb the view and the areas are naturally separated thanks to the furniture. « It was important to have a simple and bright room, designed like a large sculpture », explains Rabih Kayrouz. Installed on a made-to-measure podium, the bed dominates the centre of the room and provides a view over all the windows. A reminder of Greek villages or Lebanese houses. « I wanted



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people to enjoy this place as somewhere to sleep, eat, read, really appreciate the luxury of doing nothing ».

The other indoor spaces were created by Alice Tourbier and Delphine Sauvaget who transformed the hotel into a family home. Wood holds here an important place. The furniture, decoration accessories and customized creations were carefully selected: in the reception, a majestic rug created by Lia Rochas, tailor made by Ateliers Pinton, the Hiromi and Condition Origin lights. Delphine Sauvaget covered the walls of the bar with cherry wood and three wood species run across the floor in a pattern that reminds the Necchi villa in Milan. To round this cocoon off, a large bench seat in khaki velvet and armchairs with wood and cords refine the décor.

In the 61 bedrooms and suites, all unique, echos of Aquitaine history, antique furniture co-exists with the works of art and objects created especially for the hotel. The ash headboards emphasize the walls in mineral or earthy shades. Bruder Fabrics' precious textiles, whether woven, welt-knitted, or pile fabrics, provide warmth and softness. Accompanied by the Galerie Française, Delphine Sauvaget offers a selection of unique paintings in each bedroom. Art and nature (cf The Forest of Senses) but also wellness and beauty in the 1500 m2 Caudalie spa, the first Vinothérapie spa, famous for its active polyphenol components all around the world.

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