



SPECIAL EDITION



GRAND AWARDS
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A connoisseur's worldwide guide to peaceful and unspoiled places

2008 Grand Award Winners

EACH YEAR, WE HAVE THE PLEASURE of recalling our travel experiences over the past 12 months and singling out a number of particularly enchanting hideaways for special recognition.

To be considered for our annual awards, a hotel must be relatively small in size and possess a strong individual personality. Properties are also required to have a relaxing atmosphere and to demonstrate a consistent devotion to personal service. We do not evaluate hotels solely by means of a checklist. Rather, we rely on our decades of experience and that intangible summary impression that separates the good from the truly enchanting. Some of our award winners are more lavish than others and provide a wider range of facilities. However, all offer the traveler comfort, warmth and charm, as well as a spirit of sincere hospitality.

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The Resort at Paws Up
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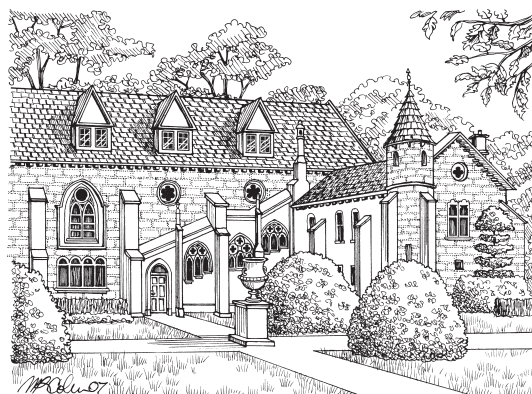
Capella Lodge
Claremont Estate

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HIDEAWAY OF THE YEAR

Abbaye de la Bussière

Burgundy, France



THIS ANCIENT CISTERCIAN ABBEY near Dijon was purchased in 2005 by the Cummings family from England. After meticulous renovation, it is now a truly wonderful property. Wrought-iron gates swing open, and across a walled 15-acre park you glimpse a magical three-story 14th-Century manor house constructed of mellow golden limestone. After uncomplicated formalities in the great hall (everyone at the hotel is bilingual), you are escorted to one of the hotel's 11 rooms. Furnished with antiques and tapestries, these are both comfortable and atmospheric. Stylish baths have granite surfaces, Jacuzzi tubs and monsoon showers. Chef Olivier Elzer is an exceptional talent whose menus marry tradition with the demand for healthier eating. And our meals were animated by a brilliant young sommelier. The hotel does not possess a pool, nor are rooms air-conditioned. Nonetheless, this is a hideaway of real distinction. Deluxe Room, \$510. Tel. (33) 3-80-49-02-29. Email: info@abbaye-dela-bussiere.com