



One of Château St Pierre de Serjac's three-bedroom villas

## CHECKING IN

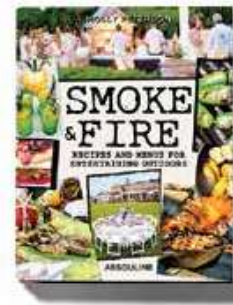
# Vineyards, a Château, and a Pool

Château St Pierre de Serjac is, right now, the place to stay in the Languedoc.

The just reopened **Château St Pierre de Serjac**, in France's Languedoc wine region, shifts the spotlight from the country's southern beaches to its vineyards. The working wine estate underwent a two-year, \$28 million renovation that includes the addition of an eight-room hotel, 36 rental villas that each sleep up to ten people, and a Cinq Mondes spa. It's a collaboration between winemaker Laurent Bonfils and hoteliers Karl and Anita O'Hanlon, the masterminds behind Château Les Carrasses, which opened in 2011 and helped spearhead the Languedoc's recent renaissance. The property is spread across

200 acres, with an infinity pool, bike trails, a clay tennis court, and a *boulodrome* for playing *pétanque*. The original château, once home to the Baron Cyprien de Crozals family, has guest rooms with Louis XVI-meets-midcentury touches, from freestanding roll-top baths to vintage chandeliers. Downstairs, the drawing room is now a speakeasy-inspired bar anchored by a 19th-century fireplace, while the original dining room has been reimaged as a restaurant with a wine list showcasing bottles produced across Bonfils's 23 estates. *Rooms from \$240; D30, bet. Pouzolles and Magalas, Puisalicon; 33-4/67-93-12-34. —Jen Murphy*

## OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING



## THE GRILL OF IT ALL

As a self-described “obsessive entertainer,” Holly Peterson has noticed a shift in hosting. “Our country is crazy about cooking outside,” says the journalist, *DEPARTURES* contributor, and novelist (*The Manny*, *The Idea of Him*). Peterson explores the trend in her first cookbook, ***Smoke & Fire: Recipes and Menus for Entertaining Outdoors*** (Assouline), out May 24. In it, she gives tips and themed menus with recipes from friends, including author and *Garden & Gun* columnist Julia Reed, who shares a Louisiana shrimp-boil guide. “I want to give ideas to bring people closer to their friends and family,” Peterson says. What’s more, the author’s proceeds will be donated to Feeding America, a nonprofit food-bank network. —Elizabeth Sile



## ON SAFARI

## ETHIOPIA UPDATE

A camp that makes the country more accessible

Will Jones, founder of eco-safari company **Journeys by Design**, offers Ethiopia's first fully mobile camp, which opens up previously unreachable parks and reserves. “Ethiopia isn't an obvious choice for an African holiday,” Jones says. “Our itinerary is for someone who wants an adventure beyond wildlife viewing.” The trip combines a culture-filled week in northern Ethiopia, where travelers will see the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, with a week exploring the southern animal belt. Highlights include tracking wolves on horseback in Bale Mountains National Park and spending the night in Chebera Churchura National Park, where Jones recently saw his first elephant after 30 years of travel in the country. *From \$15,250 per person; 646-652-0489. —J.M.*