Welcome to

The Domaine de Vincenti

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Vincenti, at the gates of Provence, for memorable moments with your family, friends or business retreats in all seasons.

Bernard & Brigitte de Valence and their children welcome you at the Domaine de Vincenti, our family estate for four centuries.

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**Our estate:** Our parents, Etienne and Marie-Thérèse de Valence acquired Vincenti in the early sixties. For several centuries, it had been the Girardon’s and their predecessors’ country estate, our ancestors on our mother’s side. Our parents were farmers and they had profoundly modernized the old activities of the domain. They were producing fruits, wheat and hay. There were also a chicken farm and a large flock of sheep, for raising the famous lambs of the Drôme.

Since that time, farming techniques have again thoroughly evolved and the large rural buildings gradually became unoccupied. We had the opportunity to restore them completely and to install several vacation villas in addition to our own residence. Some of these buildings are very old, but the majority of the present exterior volumes date from the second half of the 19th century. Originally, these buildings served as stables, barns, sheep pens..., and the local farmer’s and our ancestors’ residences.

As we restored these houses, our objective was to open our estate to families, groups of friends, business gatherings, in a beautiful, simple, and serene atmosphere. In all the arrangements we made, we have focused on creating comfortable environments, in harmony with the natural beauty of the Drôme Valley. We wish to offer you an elegant setting, with «pure and simple» decoration, plenty of light and open spaces, with attention on quality.

The park, with its century old trees, is open to the vast surrounding countryside and it has been arranged to convey a peaceful, spacious and well-tended atmosphere, where everyone will feel in close touch with nature.

You will find hereunder more detailed explanations, preparing you for a great stay in Vincenti.

[Map of Vincenti]

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As you arrive, open the main gate with the security code, which protects the park.

The Grand Hangar (the Large Barn) will be on your right. It shelters a covered playground, fire wood and the farm equipment of the estate.

Next, on your right will be a group of two buildings, separated by a courtyard and a barn with ancient stone columns. The first large building has two villas, La Forge and La Scie. The next building has again two villas: Le Colombier and le Bassin.

On your left is a third large building, with two villas: Le Four à Pain and Les Agnelles.

At the end of the driveway, one finds on the left, The Petite Maison.

And straight ahead, La Grande Maison sits behind a second iron gate, with our residence, its additions and La Terrasse and Le Fruitier.
**Your arrival**: Before your trip to Vincenti, we will send you detailed directions to reach us. You can also find us on Google Maps, at “Domaine de Vincenti”. Unless otherwise agreed upon, **we expect you to arrive in Vincenti between 4 and 7pm**. Please let us know your approximate check-in time and call us about 30 minutes before your arrival so we can be ready to welcome you.

Once we have introduced you to your villa and the estate, we will finalize the formalities of your stay. **Henriette Bouix** is our property manager and she will most likely be the person whom you will meet upon your arrival.

**Your villa**: It offers you maximum comfort, with a large living and dining room, a fully equipped kitchen, which opens to the living area. You will find a TV, a home cinema, Wi-Fi… Plenty of firewood is available if you wish to build a fire in your fireplace or make a campfire outside, under the stars.

A half bathroom and a laundry room with washer, dryer and iron are also located on the ground floor.

Depending on the configuration of the villa you have rented, they are 3 to 8 bedrooms and 2, 3 or 4 bathrooms with at least one attached. Most bedrooms can be configured with 2 single beds or a king sized double bed. When you arrive, your beds will have been prepared with comfortable duvets. Additional blankets will be available in your closets. Fresh towels are also provided in each bedroom. Highchairs and baby beds can be made available upon request.

Outside, your villa is equipped with patio furniture, a large umbrella, low armchairs, a fire pit and a gas barbecue. The villa of the “Four à Pain” also includes a working traditional wood-burning bread oven.
The interior decoration is simple and elegant, with plenty of light. Most of the old furniture comes from the Poor Sisters of St Clare’s monastery in Lyon. We acquired them from the Sisters when they merged their community with the one in Crest in 2007. They carry with them the heritage of the joyful and frugal monastic tradition of St Francis and St Clare of Assisi. We are grateful for you keeping the interior furniture inside your villa: chairs, tables, stools...

Upon your arrival in Vincenti, you will find a small supply of basic products in your villa, such as laundry and dishwasher detergent, soap, shampoo etc. As you settled in, you can buy more of these items at the local supermarket.

**Shopping:** You will find everything you need in Crest, less than 3 kilometers from Vincenti: 4 supermarkets, bookshops, bakeries, wine shops, butchers, post office, fruit & vegetable shops, organic food, hairdressers, pharmacies, doctors, gas, coffee shops... Every Tuesday and mostly Saturday mornings, are market day in Crest. Do not miss the one on Saturday! These traditional and picturesque markets will give you the opportunity you to meet local farmers and producers, and discover their goat cheese, fruits, vegetables, garlic, wine, olive oil, wood-oven baked bread... as well as their warm southern French accent.

**The pools and tennis court:** There are 2 pools:

- The pool for La Forge, La Scie, Le Colombier, Le Bassin, Le Four à Pain and Les Agenelles. This 8 x 14 m pool is open from May 1st to September 30th.

- The pool for La Petite Maison, La Terrasse, Le Fruitier and our residence. This 6 x 12 m pool is heated at 27° and is opened from May 1st till September 30th.

We gratefully ask you to bring your own pool towels. As you arrive in Vincenti and if your pool is opened, we will ask you to read and sign the pool rules when you arrive and we will give you a personal access key. **Maintaining the pool security at all times is an absolute must.**

The tennis court is equipped with a training wall and a basketball net. Thank you for taking all your personal belongings with you when you have finished playing. As a matter of courtesy, if several guests wish to play, please only occupy the tennis court for one hour at a time. A registration board is available on the door of the supply room, next to the court. Bring your own tennis balls & rackets.
**A few recommendations:** Here are now a few important suggestions to make the best of your stay:

Upon arrival, we will explain to you the security guidelines for your pool area, if it is opened. Thank you for making sure that your family, friends and visitors scrupulously respect them: we must all team up to guarantee the perfect safety of this space for the young children.

In the Drôme Valley, the wind can occasionally be strong: it is part of the local landscape of “the gates of Provence”. **If the wind starts blowing, thank you for always securing your shutters and fold & tighten your umbrellas, at the pool and in front of your villa. If you leave your premises for a few hours, please close your doors and windows.**

During the hot summer days, if you want to keep your villa cool, simply close your windows and partly close the shutters. In the evening, to prevent insects from entering your rooms, simply keep the windows closed until the lights are switched off.

In cooler seasons, if you wish to use the living-room fireplace, **open the latch of the chimney.** Once the fire is completely off and ashes are cold, close the latch to conserve energy. Always keep the fire-grid in front of the fire to prevent sparks from flying into the living area.

Without imposing too many constraints, we would like you to follow these guidelines:

- Thank you for not smoking inside your villa, at the tennis court and at the pool.
- To keep your villa absolutely clean, we do not accept animals.
- **Thank you for keeping your car on one of the parkings,** to maintain the in the serenity of the park. Inside the property, drive carefully to ensure the children’s safety.
- Bins are available for **bagged trash,** just outside the main entrance gate. For recycling, we provide for special bins. Drop-off points will be indicated to you.
- **If you leave Vincenti for a picnic,** plan for disposable tableware. Thank you for leaving the tableware of your villa at Vincenti.
- **In the evening, before going to bed,** be sure to switch off all of the exterior lights, on both sides of your villa.
- **After 10pm, respect the site exterior quietness and calm.**
**Your departure:** Unless otherwise agreed upon, departures are expected before 10:00 am (or 4:30 pm for short stays and weekends). On the day of your departure, we will check the inventory and the condition of your villa with you before returning your safety deposit.

Here is some advice on how to prepare your departure in order to simplify and speed up the check-out process:

- Perform a quick clean-up of your villa to make sure you did not forget anything and leave it in good condition.
- Undo your beds and fold your bed-sheets and your towels at the bed’s foot.
- Take all your remaining food with you, as we will not keep it.
- Empty all your trash cans, including the bathrooms’ ones and your recycling.
- Thank you for emptying your dishwasher, the kitchen’s sink and return all tableware, kitchen utensils to their original place.
- Reorganize the villa the way you found it if you moved some furniture around.
- Make sure you have left the two set of keys and (in season) the pool’s one on your dining-room table.

**Security:**

In case of an emergency, call **112**, and precisely spell our address: **Domaine de Vincenti, 897 Route de Grâne, Divajeu, Drôme**.

- A fire extinguisher is located in or near the laundry room. A smoke detector is located upstairs, in the corridor, near the bedrooms. If a false alarm is started (in case something burned in the kitchen or the fireplace is smoking), simply open the windows for a few minutes to renew the air. The alarm will stop.

- The electrical panel and the main power switch for your villa are located in or near your laundry room. Let us know if something is not functioning properly.

- For the pool: **strictly follow the security guidelines for the pool area. No exceptions will be authorized.**

- Drive carefully when coming in and out of the property: cars drive fast on the main road.

- Please make sure your kids do not play on the wood pile or on the farm equipment parked under the barn

- A small stream, the Rif-Noir, flows down the hill, on the west side of the estate. It is not dangerous for older children. Keep an eye on your younger ones if they want to explore this area.
Our mobile phone numbers are:

- **Henriette Bouix**: +33 6 32 94 12 27
- **Brigitte de Valence**: +33 6 23 42 34 25
- **Bernard de Valence**: +33 6 73 43 91-52
- In case of absolute necessity, our guardian, Jean-Marie Thooris: +33 6 87 75 04 84

Doctors, medical emergencies and pharmacies:

- **Cabinet médical de la Calade** (3 doctors): Les Arcades, Rue William Booth, 26400 Crest - Tel: +33 4 75 78 11 44
- **Dr. Grison** (2 doctors): Via Augusta, 26400 Aouste sur Sye - Tel: +33 9 53 37 93 38
- **Dr. Brault**: Place Champ de Mars, 26400 Grâne - Tel: +33 4 75 56 12 10
- **Medical emergencies**: Hôpital de Crest, Quartier Mazorel Nord, 26400 Crest - Tel: +33 4 75 25 37 00
- **Medical emergencies requiring a specialist**: Centre Hospitalier de Valence, 179 Boulevard Maréchal Juin, 26000 Valence - Tel: +33 4 75 75 75 75
- **Pharmacies**: several are available nearby, in Crest, Grâne and Allex

The surrounding region: The Drôme Valley is at the Gate of Provence. It enjoys 2400 hours of sun per years, versus 1630 in Paris, 1460 in London, 1585 in Brussels and about 1550 in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, and Zurich.

The Drôme River flows down the valley and its water is very clean, allowing excellent water games and kayak rides in warm weather. The Domaine of Vincenti is located in the countryside and the pace of life there is tranquil and peaceful, giving you the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful time, even by simply staying on-site.

But they are also numerous hikes, from easy to challenging, available close by or further away in the wilderness. The Pre-Alps, the Vercors Mountains, and the Forest of Saoû offer unlimited opportunities.

For the sports oriented, the area offers many other possibilities: jogging, mountain hiking, rock climbing, biking, horseback riding, kayaking, acrobranche, via-ferrata...

Local Tourist office web-site: [http://www.mairie-crest.fr/-L-office-de-tourisme-.html](http://www.mairie-crest.fr/-L-office-de-tourisme-.html)
**Wines, gastronomy, and visits:** Right in Crest, discover the spectacular medieval tower, which has dominated the city for over 900 years and offers exceptional panoramic views of the valley.

The Drôme is full of charming old villages, often perched on hilltops, with their ancient streets, local artisans, bistros, and small restaurants.

Our region offers enchanting and varied landscapes: colorful rural plains and valleys, vineyards, lavender fields, fruit and truffle tree plantations, hills and wild mountains with Provencal accents, which are beautiful in all seasons.

Within a radius of 15 to 60 kms, visit the famous and extensive wine country of the Côte du Rhône: Clairette de Die, Crozes-Hermitage, Cornas, Saint-Joseph... tasteful Provencal wines from Nyons and Grignan have been produced since the Roman times...

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