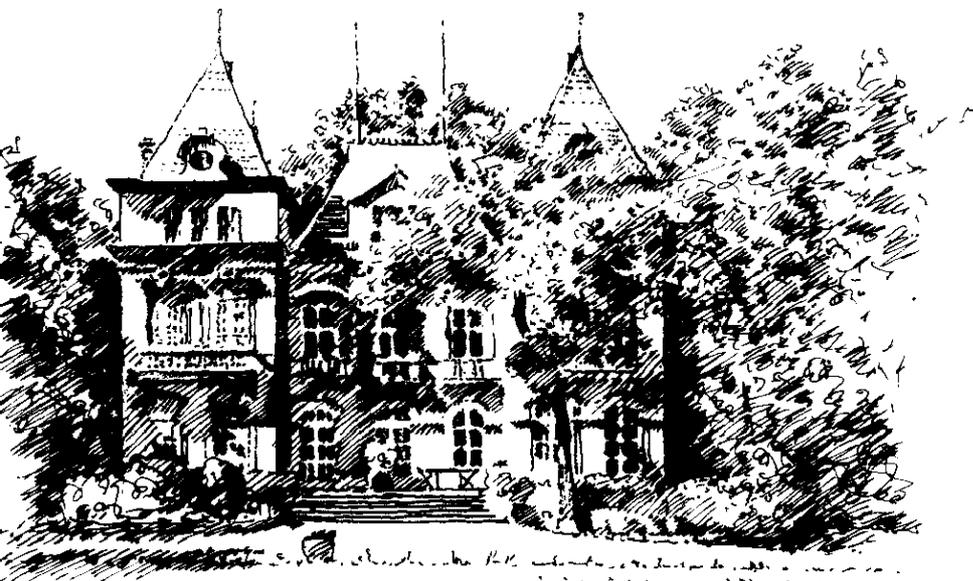


10km Languedoc Beaches near Agde, Béziers, Sète

Very comfortable Château in spacious garden with large POOL

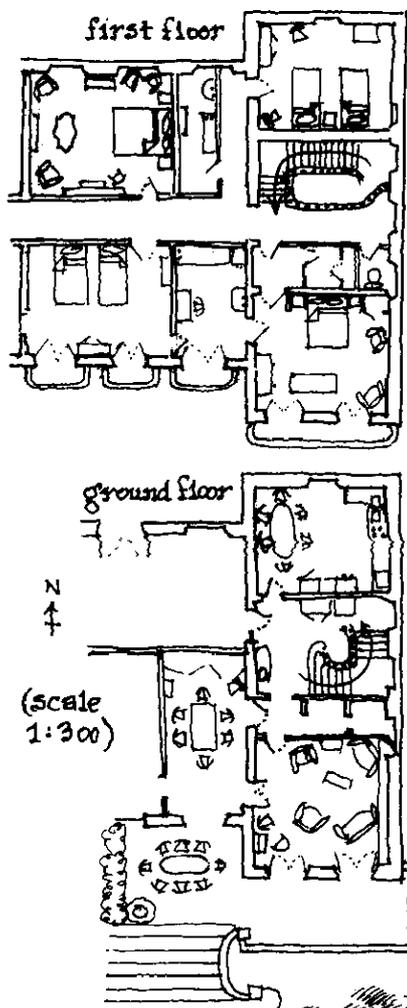
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Standing in mature grounds of 1 hectare (2½ acres) near the small town of Bessan, in the heart of a wine-growing region and within a short drive (eg 10km) of numerous excellent beaches such as le Cap d'Agde, Sète, Valrasplage, this elegant 19th century chateau opens to a sizeable front lawn and another vast round lawn to the south (see upper drawing), beautifully kept and framed by bushes and trees. To the west, in a separate walled garden, is the 12m x 6m pool, entered by "Roman" steps, set in a stone-paved patio with generous pool furniture, and surrounded by another, immaculately kept lawn – an oasis of charm.

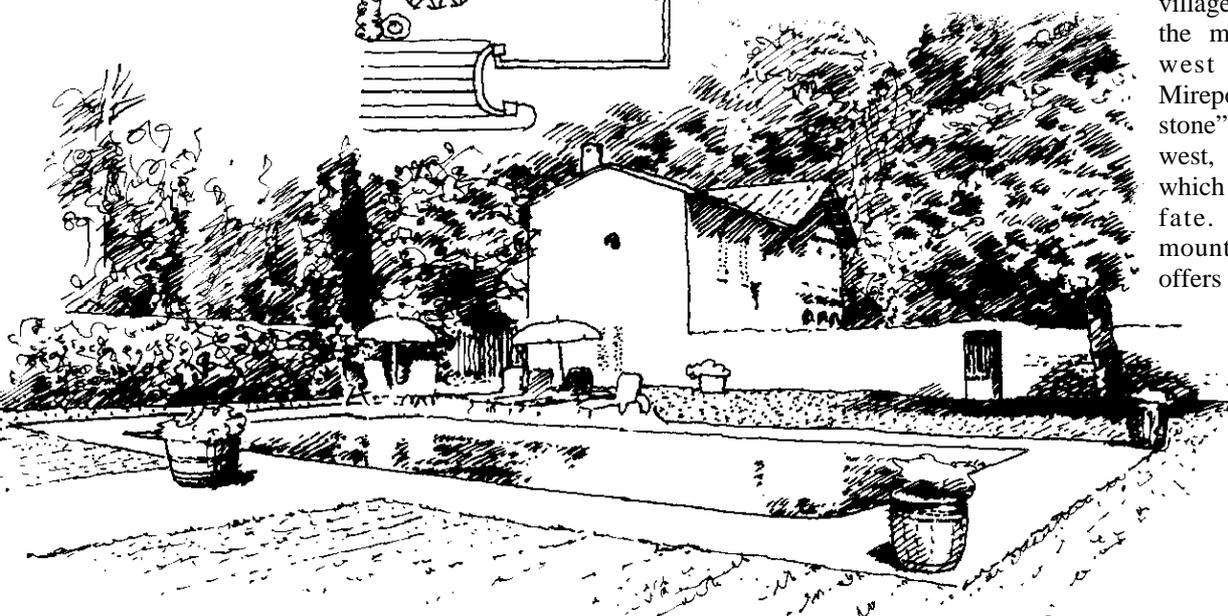
All facilities may be found within Bessan (500m to 1km) as they may also in the lovely and ancient (once Greek) town of Agde (at 10km), which also has a railway station and bicycle hire (8km). Golf and riding may be found at 2km. There are airports at Béziers, Montpellier, Carcassonne, Toulouse, Marseille.

It is unusual to find an old property of this elegance and quality so close to the Languedoc shores. From here also many places of interest are within easy reach, such as the pre-Roman village Ensérune near Montady, the many Cathar strongholds to west and south (Minerve, Mirepoix, Peyrepertuse ("the lost stone"), Queribus, and further west, Monségur ("the safe hill") which in 1244 witnessed a dreadful fate. To the north, the mountainous Haut Languedoc offers some stunning scenery.



Accommodation in this beautifully furnished and maintained property includes four bedrooms, providing 2 double and 2 x twin beds, also 2 cots, 2 bathrooms provide 2 baths, and there are 2 separate WCs. A spacious well-fitted kitchen has a large dining table and also leads across a hallway to a separate dining room, adjacent to the beautiful and elegantly furnished sitting room. These latter two rooms both open to a broad sunny terrace, with well-made garden table and chairs, overlooking, and with steps down to, the lawn, garden and paths to the pool precinct. Equipment includes central heating, dishwasher, washing machine, microwave oven, deepfreeze, telephone, TV, barbecue. Linen is provided, domestic help is available on request.

The west wing is retained by the owner, a French lady of a certain age, whose daughter lives in a lodge backing onto the pool, where she sometimes swims.



Details: Sturge, Bath