



Domaine de la Baume Perched in the Provençal Sky

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Jean-Louis Sibuet was exposed to the demanding hospitality business when his parents purchased Le Fer à Cheval Hotel in Megève. Jean-Louis and his wife, Jocelyne, have turned those early lessons into a French boutique hospitality chain consisting of eight hotels and 13 restaurants. The couple continues to build on their shared philosophy of respect for the environment. The result is that each property embodies sustainability with authentic design, marrying the best of traditions with contemporary comforts.

Baume is a French word with several meanings including a small hill, a grotto or a rock shelter. The interpretation that seems most appropriate for *Domaine de la Baume* is a remote, secret, hiding place for valuables. Nestled between the Mediterranean's coastal shores and the cobalt Provençal sky, *Domaine de la Baume* is the newest addition to the Sibuet hotels. Situated on the side of an escarpment, this 99-acre resort, barely visible from either road entrance, is a unique property complete with 800 olives trees, a natural waterfall and horse paddocks. It is a treasure.