

Provence, near Saint Maximin, La Montagne Sainte Victoire, Pourrières, Aix-en-Provence.

Peaceful Provençal Mas, with POOL and TENNIS

(sleeps 15 max)

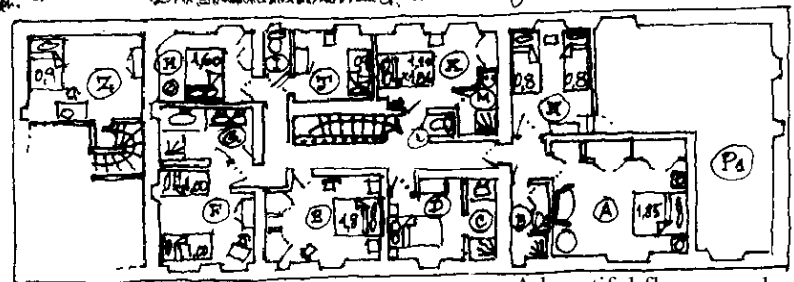
Paul Cézanne, whose grandparents were wigmakers in nearby Pourrières, made these vineyards and hills famous the world over, in his magical dematerialised prefigurings of Cubism. The changing moods of the Montagne Sainte Victoire, which frames this property to the west (beyond the tennis court), its herb-strewn slopes, vineyards and olive groves, punctuated by the little villages stretching east from Aix, weave a haunting spell, to paint or to contemplate. Relaxation is the password here, particularly by the 14m x 7m pool, seen here in the early morning. Even the sunloungers rise late.

Ideal for art courses and seminars, with its spacious gallery Z and separate studio, this spacious property of some 11 hectares (27 acres) is the perfect secluded hideaway for quiet holidays, yet within 1km of Pourrières (baker, café, shops etc) and 9km of Puyloubier and 15km, St Maximin, both providing a good range of restaurants. A little reading of Jean Giono will explain the rigours of the Mistral and suggest why in winter the provençaux take to their renowned kitchens.

Accommodation, on two floors, comprises 8 bedrooms (3 good-sized double beds A E H, 9 single or 1½ sized or twin beds N D K J F and music room mezzanine Z, 4 bathrooms (1 bath G, 4 showers B C G M and 3 WCS L I W). The north-east corner of the house is retained as the manager's office and dwelling O P P1. The beautiful provençal kitchen/dining room Q opens to patio table etc and leads to four spacious reception areas R V X Y. Decoration throughout is to a high standard, in most tasteful provençal genre. Furniture and equipment are excellent and generous. The sun rises over a large field of lavender, travels over vineyards of Sirrah and Grenache grapes (the property makes "Côtes de Provence" rouge and rosé wines) and sets behind the mountain. A provençal sundial over the patio reads "lou gems passo, lacte resto"



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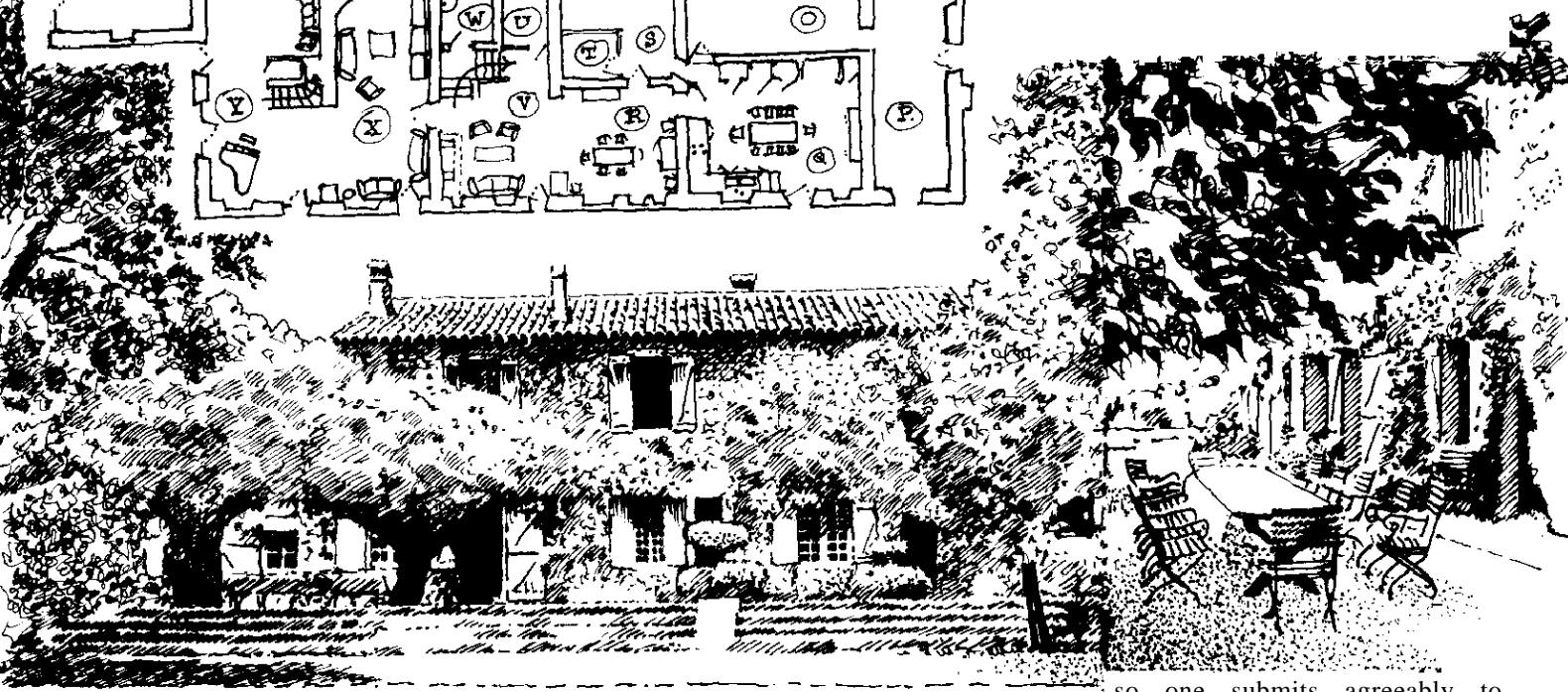
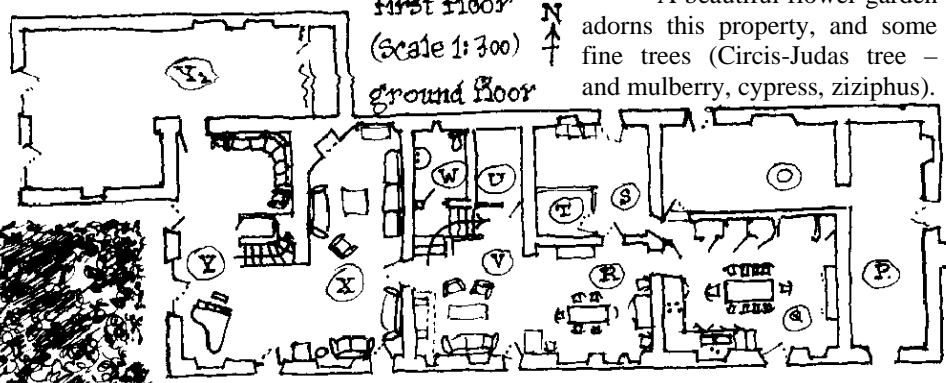


First floor

(Scale 1:300)

ground floor

A beautiful flower garden adorns this property, and some fine trees (Circis-Judas tree – and mulberry, cypress, ziziphus).



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so one submits agreeably to lethargy. Mulberry trees provide welcome lunchtime shade but the sun is here early and late.