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La Bastide Saint-Antoine named Heritage Boutique Hotel of the Year 2026

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La Bastide Saint-Antoine in Grasse has been named Heritage Boutique Hotel of the Year 2026 at the European Hotel Awards, recognising a singular Provençal house in which heritage, gastronomy, landscape and the personality of its owner have been brought together with unusual coherence.

The property is represented by Jacques Chibois, internationally recognised chef and the figurehead of La Bastide Saint-Antoine. Together with his wife Odette, he acquired the historic property in 1996 and restored it with the intention of preserving its authenticity while creating a warm, personal and deeply rooted hospitality experience.

A seventeenth-century Provençal house shaped by hospitality

Set on the heights of Grasse, La Bastide Saint-Antoine occupies a historic Provençal residence surrounded by olive trees and gardens, with views towards the Cannes hinterland and the Mediterranean. The house dates from the seventeenth century and was restored using traditional methods so that its architectural character could remain central to the experience.

Rather than separating accommodation, gastronomy and landscape, the property brings them together. Rooms and suites, terraces, gardens and the restaurant form part of the same intimate environment, giving guests the impression of entering a private Provençal house rather than a conventional hotel.

Jacques Chibois: cuisine, place and personality

Jacques Chibois is inseparable from the identity of La Bastide Saint-Antoine. Born in Limoges, he built his career in major French kitchens before settling on the Côte d'Azur, where his cuisine became associated with lightness, Mediterranean produce, olive oil, herbs and the flavours of Provence.

At La Bastide Saint-Antoine, that culinary philosophy extends beyond the plate. It informs the atmosphere of the property itself: seasonal, rooted in the region and connected to the surrounding landscape. The thousand-year-old olive trees, the gardens and the terrace overlooking the Bay of Cannes are not decorative elements alone; they are part of the identity that Chibois has built around the house.

The logic behind Heritage Boutique Hotel of the Year 2026

The European Hotel Awards are not based on public voting, popularity rankings or automated scoring. Their approach is qualitative, holistic and editorial, considering identity, heritage, consistency, service culture, guest experience and the distinctive contribution of each property to European hospitality.

For La Bastide Saint-Antoine, Heritage Boutique Hotel of the Year 2026 recognises a property whose strength lies in the continuity between place and personality. The distinction reflects the preservation of a historic Provençal house, the intimacy of its hospitality, the importance of gastronomy and the long-term vision of Jacques and Odette Chibois in giving the property a new life without erasing its character.

LA BASTIDE SAINT-ANTOINE Heritage Boutique Hotel of the Year 2026 Represented by Jacques Chibois - Owner & Chef Grasse, France

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