

The owners of the luxurious Villa Wine Note are passionate oenophiles whose appreciation of wine is matched by their incomparable sense of style. The pleasures of the grape subtly pervade this elegant rental property. In each of the five bedrooms, a poster-size label from a prestigious bottle adorns a wall.

That said, Villa Wine Note offers many pleasures beyond those of the vine. It's a design aficionado's delight, with an easy-living island aesthetic that's defined by clean lines, strong geometries and white-on-white color scheme with sparingly deployed jolts of color - a yellow bedroom wall, for instance, or bright red placemats on the long dining table. While the visual language leans toward minimalist, the feeling is anything but cold, as well-executed lighting adds warmth by evening, and large expanses of glass on virtually every wall let in the brilliant Caribbean sunshine by day.

All those oversize windows also allow for striking views overlooking St. Jean and Saline Beach, making Villa Wine Note a sanctuary for connoisseurs of the sea. Even the safety walls that edge the expansive terrace, with its dining area and a sublime swimming pool, are made entirely of clear glass. This gives guests the delicious sensation of being suspended in the sky, over the treetops, the sand and the rolling turquoise waves beyond St. Jean Beach.

The five bedrooms are arrayed in several buildings around a central living space, which includes a master kitchen that's so sleek its white-lacquered counters, cabinets and drawers don't even have handles. The long dining table is also made of white lacquered resin and raised high enough that padded white barstools serve as chairs, making it a relaxed but elegant setting for enjoying food, wine, family and friends.

All the bedrooms are large, with private entrances, parquet floors, private bathrooms with wooden furniture, and direct access to terraces and gardens, where guests can hear the natural waterfall that tumbles into one of the villa's swimming pools. The first master occupies its own building next to the living room, and the second master is in another structure behind it, with two more bedrooms upstairs. The fifth bedroom is in a pavilion below the living area and is the only one without a sea view, making it best suited to teenagers or staff. The first master bedroom's bathroom resembles a spa in scale and in style, with a natural stone wall, softly gleaming white mosaic tile and flattering up-lighting recessed into the floor, and separate indoor and outdoor showers, giving guests a chance to experience another of the Caribbean's greatest joys.





