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Chateau St. Gerlach
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Once a convent for ladies of noble birth, an ambitious restoration project by hotelier Camille Oostwegel has created Chateau **St. Gerlach**, a luxury hotel in South Limburg perched on the banks of the river Guel. Today the property is the epitome of country sophistication.

The duplex suite occupied by **Cognoscenti Magazine** editors during a recent visit (one of 39 suites on the property) was named, as with all suites here, after a famous Burgundy appellation—in our case the “Clos de Vougeot” had two levels. A delicately patterned wrought-iron spiral staircase led up to a loft that wrapped around the ground floor, with the open area in the center creating a very high ceiling for the bedroom below. The spotlessly clean loft is kept in all its rustic simplicity, but for a few large pots, couch, TV and windows taking in views of the adjacent 400-hectare Ingendael wildlife reserve. Downstairs amenities include an attractive bathroom, mini-safe, mini-bar, trousers press and direct dial telephone.

There are plenty of activities to keep guests at this Small Luxury Hotel busy, ranging from a swim and

sauna or a spa treatment at the Kneipp Health & Beauty Centre to more exotic pastimes like clay-pigeon shooting or ballooning. There are also two restaurants and a number of meeting and banquet rooms for business or social occasions, making this a full-featured resort.



*The epitome of country sophistication.
Below, one of the comfortable rooms.*



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