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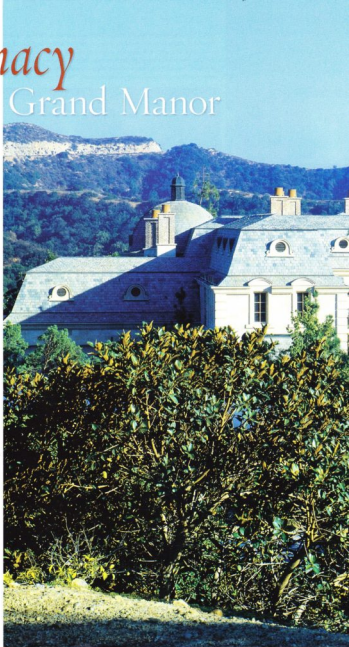
Intimacy in a Grand Manor

A Los Angeles
Estate Inspired
By 18th Century
French Architecture
Is Both Majestic
And Comfortable

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The elegant mansard roof
of the home is reminiscent
of a Loire Valley chateau.







OPPOSITE A long gallery has a barrelled ceiling artistically broken up by a series of evenly spaced arches.
 ABOVE A rear view of the house shows its exquisite formal gardens, inspired by French traditions.

An important wish list requirement by the wife was a large space in which she could work as a ceramicist. This inspired Landry to build her an art studio in a separate millhouse complete with a water wheel, which is both a focal point on the drive up to the house and a practical solution to a real need. Sited on the property, in front of a lake, the millhouse also has four powder rooms for guests, since the owners host many large philanthropic events.

The living room, library, family room and main dining room all open to the covered loggia that leads to expansive park-like grounds with formal gardens, topiaries, a tennis court and a children's play area.

The living room, which serves as the primary indoor entertainment space, displays one of designer Cohen's own artworks. "I was asked to design something special for the bar area and thus inspired from our travels to Japan, I created a kimono out of paper and layered it between two panels of colored glass seven feet high and six feet wide. We then designed a cabinet around it and illuminated the whole piece with fiber optics," she says. "It was quite a challenge."

With the architects and designer working closely with the owners, the end result is a magnificent estate that is a surprising succession of rooms and gardens infused with a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere. □