

## FACT SHEET – THE VINEYARD AT STOCKCROSS

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.the-vineyard.co.uk">www.the-vineyard.co.uk</a>
<b>Owner:</b>	Sir Peter Michael, founder and chairman of Classic FM, who also owns The Donnington Valley Hotel & Spa in Newbury and the Peter Michael Winery in California
<b>Managing Director:</b>	Andrew McKenzie
<b>General Manager:</b>	Hayden Bowl
<b>Executive Chef:</b>	Daniel Galmiche joined the Vineyard in October 2009, previously at the 5 Star Forbury Hotel in Reading, Harvey's Restaurant in Bristol and Cliveden in Taplow. He has held Michelin Stars since the early 1990's.
<b>Background:</b>	The Vineyard at Stockcross styles itself as a 'Restaurant with luxury suites attached'. Opened in March 1998, the hotel takes its inspiration from the vineyards of California. Created around a nineteenth century hunting lodge, the building was developed as a country house hotel in the 1980's and was extensively renovated before its' opening eighteen years later as a luxury hotel, spa and restaurant.
<b>The Restaurant:</b>	A new approach to cooking and food – exactly what the customer of today wants. The Vineyard has a wide range of customers and Daniel and his team of chef's give them flexibility as well as an unforgettable experience. It is not just about the food, it is also about creating a dining environment where we can share our knowledge and expertise with the customers. Refined and luxurious, the restaurant boasts an elegant new look incorporating an extraordinary collection of art and sculpture to complement Daniel's cooking. The restaurant seats 80 and private dining is available for up to 120 guests in the Music or Morning Room.
<b>Signature Dishes:</b>	Pressed terrine of duck liver foie gras with pistachio, apple jelly and toasted brioche Steamed fillet of John Dory, honey and chilli glaze, Jerusalem artichoke Roasted fillet of Balmoral Estate venison, salsifies, butternut squash purée Fromage blanc, Granny Smith, Calvados sorbet Bitter chocolate box, salted caramel ice cream
<b>Rooms:</b>	There are 49 individually-named rooms, over half of which are suites, all designed by Emily Todhunter and each bearing the name of a wine label. The Grand Suites – Mon Plaisir and La Carriere offer a stylish combination of four-poster beds, elegant bathrooms and spacious sitting rooms.

**Wine:**

The Vineyard's wine cellars hold over 2,000 wines, both new and old world. For the Vineyard's unique Californian collection, over 800 wines were selected from the finest fruits of more than 30 small family-owned estates, including those of the Peter Michael Winery. Director of Wine, James Hocking and his team are always happy to give candid and expert advice to find that perfect bottle and every wine on the list has been selected to make the customer's food and wine experience just a bit more special.

**The Vineyard Spa:**

The Vineyard Spa aims to satisfy the most ardent of spa devotees with beautiful and tranquil surroundings and a wide range of revitalising treatments. The Spa makes use of a range of materials such as red sandstone, slate and stainless steel and features an indoor circular pool, spa bath, hydrotherapy bath, steam room, sauna and gymnasium.

There are four treatment suites including a double treatment suite, specially designed for couples and friends to enjoy their spa experience together. Treatments and products have been selected from complementary products houses; ESPA, La Stone, Jane Iredale makeup and most recently Darphin. Darphin was created in 1958 by Pierre Darphin who believed that a woman's beauty is not only about how her skin looks but also how she feels about herself, to create a state of inner and outer beauty. Darphin's products are the perfect blend of science and nature for optimal results. Treatments include Aromatic Age Defier Facial and Black Pepper Slim and Detox.

The Vineyard Spa is open to both residents and non-residents and includes an exclusive day programme for guests.

**Meetings and Conferences:**

The Vineyard is well placed to host a wide range of meetings and conferences. Just off junction 13 of the M4, its location makes it convenient for London and the Thames Valley, whilst Heathrow is only 45 minutes away.

The Music and Morning rooms offer elegant and sophisticated self-contained setting for either meetings or Private dining. The Music Room can accommodate 20 boardroom and 50 theatre style and the Morning Room, 30 boardroom or 70 theatre style. The adjoining California Bar offers an attractive area for refreshments and private drinks.

**Art at The Vineyard:** Sir Peter Michael is an enthusiastic patron of the Arts, and upon arrival at The Vineyard at Stockcross you cannot help but notice the wonderful collection – The Michael Collection – on display. Outside you will see William Pye's *Fire and Water*, and within the hotel's hallways, lounge and restaurant works include Maurice Blik's *At First Light*, murals by Frankie Cummins, theatrical paintings by Doris Zinkeisen's, portraits by Boris Smirnoff and steelwork by Alan Dawson. Art tours are available to guests by arrangement.

**Activities:** Golf at Donnington Valley Golf Club (18 hole par)  
Fishing – The Vineyard has a rod on the River Kennet  
Shooting can be arranged at the hotel's estate at Eddington  
Newbury Races are a ten minute drive away  
Newbury and Berkshire also offers a rich tradition of historic houses, castles, antiques, festivals, music, art and theatre.  
Experience 'Only at.....' experiences at The Vineyard, which include; Chef's Table, Behind the Scenes, Wine Experience, Spa Experience, Shooting & Fishing and Sunseeker. All add a touch of excitement to a meeting or conference or simply an exclusive, unforgettable event

**Awards and Accolades:**

AA Five Red Star Rating and Four Rosettes  
National Restaurant Awards - 6th Best Restaurant in the UK  
Relais Gourmands Accolade awarded 2007  
Conde Nast Johansens - Best Range of Wine by the Glass - 2007  
Conde Nast Johansens - Connoisseur List - 2007  
The Vineyard at Stockcross is a member of Relais & Chateaux

**Miscellaneous:** Closest train station: Newbury  
45 minutes from London Heathrow airport