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CHATEAU ON THE RIVER

A stately new French Country home on a bluff along St. Paul's River Road can't help but draw attention. Inspired by homes in the countryside of France, the house has exterior architectural features of a classic provincial manor.



Classic French Country architectural features include the high pitched roof, sweeping symmetrical arches, rustic limestone (four types with a white flush mortar), blue shutters, and copper downspouts. "The front exterior has a stately presence to it from the boulevard," says Charlie Simmons of Charlie & Co. Design.



The stone and brick terrace in the back houses a kitchenette, fireplace, and grill.

"The back is more informal to look like it had been added onto over 200 years," Simmons says. "There's a wonderful indoor/outdoor connection—this is where the homeowners want to live in the warmer months."

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PURPLE REIGNS AGAIN

Pantone's 2018 Color of the Year is Ultra Violet. While the royal shade—which, according to Pantone, imbues balance and mindfulness—is very familiar to Minnesotans, especially for fans of Prince and the Vikings, local designers are giving it mixed reviews.

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"I would caution people to use it in small places that can be changed easily, like a feature wall or throw pillow."
—Billy Beson, Billy Beson Co.

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"It's a really wonderful color, but needs to be used sparingly. It's beautiful with a white background or as a pop of color paired with gold."
—Danielle Loven, Vivid Interior

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"It would be delicious on a big velvet or mohair sofa."

—CHRISTINE FRISK, INUNISON DESIGN

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"I hate it. I can't imagine ever using it in an interior. Maybe as a paperweight on a desk."
—Andrew Flesher, Andrew Flesher Interiors

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"It's a bold color so I would use it in a very subtle way, like flowers on a cocktail table or art."
—Laura Engen, Laura Engen Interior Design

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"Accessories and pillows are always a great way to test out a color and see if you like it in the long run."
—Desi Creswell, Desi Interior Design