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Overlooking the golf course, the downstairs lounge area is the ideal area to mingle or relax with a book.

# GILDED GLAMOUR

Miraval Berkshires' newest renovations invite guests to spend a spa weekend in lavish bliss.

*By Madison Duddy*

Upon approaching Miraval Berkshires' ([miravalberkshires.com](http://miravalberkshires.com)) grand Wyndhurst Mansion, a wave of opulence washes over every visitor, welcoming them to escape 21st century woes for a weekend of Gilded Age elegance. Pass the stately brick facade, situated on the resort's 380-acre property, to find an immaculate space that whole-heartedly embodies the Berkshires' history in every detail. "We always want our interiors to feel like they have always been there," says internationally recognized designer Clodagh of Clodagh Design ([clodagh.com](http://clodagh.com)). "They should sing with the existing architecture and not try to overwhelm it. Like in chamber music, every instrument should harmonize." The completely redone space also features 10 newly renovated guest rooms and suites, named after writers, artists and creatives of the late 1800s like Ralph Waldo Emerson and Herman Melville. Originally built



in 1894, the wellness retreat's first-floor lobby lounge, bar and dining area are adorned with Old World and modern details, creating an atmosphere that is simultaneously elegant and relaxing. "Our challenge was to inject a more comfortable and less formal lifestyle so guests will feel an ease of self that would not have been felt in that former era without losing the glamour," she shares. In between rounds of golf and rejuvenating spa treatments, guests are invited to unwind around the lounge's fireplace or sip a cocktail in the adjacent bar. Jewel-tone fabrics and leather upholstery complement dark wood moldings, adding a contemporary feel to the space.



Although the Wyndhurst Mansion has a very historic exterior, modern amenities and luxuries abound inside.



In the bar area, an intricately carved fireplace pairs perfectly with modern details.



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Along with a cozy living area, the Vanderbilt Suite houses a king-size bed and bathroom with a walk-in glass shower.



However, the most eye-catching element is views of the rolling Berkshire hills. “Our furnishings are carefully selected and placed so everyone seated has a view,” Clodagh notes. “Our colors are muted so that the greenery from the outdoors stands out.” When the dinner bell rings, an exquisite dining room overlooking the golf course awaits, resembling a 19th century ballroom with towering ceilings and intricate crown molding—parts of the ceiling are even rumored to have inspired parts of the Oval Office. To ensure the views remained the main character, Clodagh chose calming, subdued and neutral hues. “We retained the chairs that were originally in the restaurant and reupholstered them with custom fabric printed with my handwritten text from one of my old

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...CONTINUED poetic notebooks,” she says, noting her inspirations from poetry. After a serene day of pampering, guests meander back upstairs to their luxe rooms. The most extravagant lodging can be found in the 1,056-square-foot Vanderbilt Suite, inspired by the prominent Gilded Age family. Keeping with the spa experience, every inch of the room caters to the senses—a Juliet balcony overlooking the great lawn, cozy king-size bed, lounge and dining area situated near a crackling fireplace and generous bathroom with a walk-in glass shower. Leaving the serene space every morning may pose a challenge, but an award-winning spa just steps away beckons. ■

From top: Named for the Moby-Dick author, the second-floor Melville Suite offers a king-size bed and sitting area with a decorative fireplace; the suite's bathroom.

