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Provençal project Helen Mirren is selling her partly restored home in the Var



Prime prospect

Helen Mirren may have played three English queens on stage and screen, but her Provençal home is rather more rustic than regal. The perfectly preserved star, 69, who found widespread fame in the ITV drama *Prime Suspect*, has owned this *mas*, set on a 2½-acre plot in the village of St-Paul-en-Forêt, for more than a decade, but only got round to restoring half of it. The finished side of the 3,329 sq ft pad has three bedrooms, one bathroom, a kitchen, a living room and a covered terrace — plus the obligatory azure shutters. Now Mirren and her husband, the director **Taylor Hackford**, 70, are selling up for €636,000 (£463,000) because they are spending more time at their doer-upper in Puglia; they also have homes in London, New York and LA. “[Italy] is our home, so now I’m trying to learn Italian,” said the actress, who was last week nominated for a Tony award for her performance as the Queen in *The Audience*. **020 8144 5501, home-hunts.com**