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Prime cut Helen Mirren has slashed the price of her unfinished French farmhouse



Seeing Red in Provence?

Anyone who watched the Super Bowl last Sunday will have seen **Dame Helen Mirren's** appearance in a Budweiser ad, warning viewers not to drink and drive. "If you drive drunk, you, simply put, are a short-sighted, utterly useless, oxygen-wasting, human form of pollution," said the star of *Calendar Girls*, *Red* and *The Queen*. "Don't be a pillock."

Mirren may also have a few choice words to say about French property buyers, who have thus far been immune to the charms of her rustic farmhouse in Provence. The actress, 70, and her husband, the director Taylor Hackford, 71, have owned this *mas* on a 2½-acre plot in St-Paul-en-Forêt, an hour from Cannes, for more than a decade, but have only restored half of it. The finished side has three bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen and a living room. After more than a year on the market, it has been reduced by more than €100,000 to €530,000 (£414,000).

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