

# UN GRAND CHÂTEAU

**IN A DOWN MARKET, THIS MAJESTIC COUNTRY ESTATE IS THE ULTIMATE RARITY**

**PRICE**  
\$14.5 MILLION

**ADDRESS**  
2021 S. WARSON,  
LADUE

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For this to go on the market is a rare thing, indeed. The 10.76-acre Ladue estate has changed hands only twice in the last 75 years: once in 1935, when the home was first built, and again in 1987, when Don Bryant and his wife, Barbara, remodeled it.

Mr. Bryant, chairman and CEO of corporate insurance firm Bryant Group Inc. and owner of a cult Napa Valley winery, is known for his taste in art and the quality of his winery's cabernet sauvignon, which has a waiting list in the thousands. The (now divorced) Bryants' taste in amenities is equally exquisite: Their 13,253-square-foot, chateau-style former home boasts a marble solarium; a climate-controlled, 6,000-bottle wine cellar; a security system; a downstairs rec room; a sweeping patio; a heated, four-car garage; extensive library and study areas; a full home gym, with a discreet staircase for a personal trainer; and eight gas fireplaces throughout its 25-plus rooms. While each of the five bedroom suites (plus an unfinished sixth area) would engulf a normal master bedroom, the master suite is truly palatial, with his and hers areas—his

with a wet bar, hers with a ballet barre and painter's loft—and a shared master bath and steam room.

All that's enough to make any buyer's eyes pop—and that's just in the main house. "It's a huge piece of property," says the listing agent, Jen Ross. "I mean, you can't even wrap your mind around it—and it's been maintained really nicely." A separate pool house is also included, with his and hers changing areas, lofted sleeping and storage, a kitchen, laundry facilities, a greenhouse and a glassed-in squash/basketball court. Across the property, the gatehouse, at 2,557 square feet, comes complete with three bedrooms, two baths and a study, plus a full kitchen, a laundry area, a two-car garage and studio space upstairs. A nearby table garden produces fresh flowers, herbs and fruit.

Rounding out this astonishing set of amenities is a 7,500-square-foot, three-tee putting green, which spans the property's lake. The lake features two docks, plus a fountain and a healthy stock of catfish. There's something here to entice just about anyone—and that, too, is a rarity. —MARGARET BAUER



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# ESTATE SALE

NOTABLE RECENT HOME SALES IN ST. LOUIS

**HOUSEHOLD:** *The estate of Georgia Frontiere*, late owner of the St. Louis Rams

**HOUSE:** 10628 Oak Gate, Frontenac: 5-bedroom, 4-bath, 3,645 square feet

**BOUGHT:** January 2007 for \$875,000

**SOLD:** March 2008 for \$909,000 to *Mark and Cheryl Ferguson*

**HOUSEHOLD:** *Stuart Krawll*, CEO, Beam of St. Louis, and his wife, *Susan*

**HOUSE:** 18 Cricklewood, Frontenac: 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath, 6,732 square feet

**BOUGHT:** April 2008 for \$2.6 million, new construction from *Bruning Homes*

**HOUSEHOLD:** *Donald Danforth III*, president of City Academy, and his wife, *Susannah*

**HOUSE:** 2015 S. Warson, Ladue: 5-bedroom, 5-bath, 7,187 square feet

**BOUGHT:** May 2008 for \$3.5 million from *Stuart and Susan Krawll*

**HOUSEHOLD:** Wash. U. assistant vice chancellor *Brad Castanho* and his wife, *Jonna*

**HOUSE:** 2342 Sterling Pointe, Clarkson Valley: 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath, 4,510 square feet

**SOLD:** May 2008 for \$935,000 to *William and Krista Howard*

**HOUSEHOLD:** Anheuser-Busch vice president *Tony Ponturo* and his wife, *Ruthe*

**HOUSE:** 10 Brentmoor Park, Clayton: 4-bedroom, 4-bath, 4,911 square feet

**SOLD:** May 2008 for \$2.15 million to *Busch Properties*. The Ponturos bought a Maryland Walk condo in April 2008 for \$1.372 million

**HOUSEHOLD:** *Kris and Stefanie Dunlop*, vice president/treasurer and controller, respectively, of Service Metal Products

**HOUSE:** 25 Chapel Hill, Town & Country: 5-bedroom, 4.5-bath, 5,741 square feet

**BOUGHT:** April 2008 for \$1.575 million from *Andrew and Kimberly Hafensher*

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