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The French-inspired Brownsburg Manor is waiting. Nestled on nearly 14 acres of gently rolling open land, woodlands, and manicured yards, this lovely home waits patiently for its next occupants. And with so much to offer, it won't wait for long!

First impressions mean so much, and from one's first view of this striking home and surrounding countryside, it is obvious this is no ordinary property.

Designed by renowned architect, Jack Arnold, Brownsburg Manor exhibits his trademark dedication and commitment to detail, quality, and design, as well as his love of French estates. Aesthetically pleasing, functional, and unique, the home is built in the French Manor style by talented builder David Knipe. Combining the best of the past with many amenities of the present and future, the manor offers myriad possibilities.

Brownsburg Manor's style is also sometimes called French Provincial, popularized in the mid 1600s, when Louis XIV sat on the French throne. The homes of the gentry during this pre-French Revolution era were grand chateaus or manor homes built with many amenities to provide their owners with every comfort.

Early American architects often studied abroad, bringing many of the styles and affects they learned in France home with them. Balance and symmetry are hallmarks of the style, with an equal number of windows on each side of the entrance, for example. A steep, hip roof of cedar shakes and double French windows and doors with working shutters are other characteristics of the French manor style exhibited in this home.

The second floor windows have curved heads that jut above the cornice, and other curved surfaces abound, such as over doorways and in the garage bays and over a covered walkway from the front parking area to the rear yard. This style, which is stately and formal, yet at the same time inviting and warm, was revived in the 1920s and again in the 1960s, and now, again, in the remarkable property known as Brownsburg Manor.

Old-world materials were used throughout the home to recreate the ambiance found in the traditional charming homes of Provence. Warm, oak paneled wainscoting is found in many of the rooms, polished to a high sheen to match the imported antique Chestnut floors. 18th century beams are exposed in the great room where the ceiling soars to a pitched roof high overhead.

Six fireplaces grace the home, including one of stone that extends from the ceiling to the floor in the Great Room, and another of oak with marble surround in the living room.

It's easy to imagine French noblemen sitting around sipping Cognac after a long day of riding, and just as easy to imagine today's modern family relaxing in front of the massive entertainment center found in the home's living room.

The seven-year old home offers state-of-the-art security system, and smart computer wiring throughout within more than 12,000 square feet of fabulous living space. Its gourmet kitchen includes a Viking range, granite counters and is perfect for entertaining the whole family or for creating intimate dinners for two.

The main level also features a luxurious master suite, two-story library with oak paneling and spiral staircase, a conservatory, gallery, formal dining room, and the stunning great room. Light floods the interior through many large windows, including floor-to-ceiling windows in the conservatory, creating a spacious and airy atmosphere.

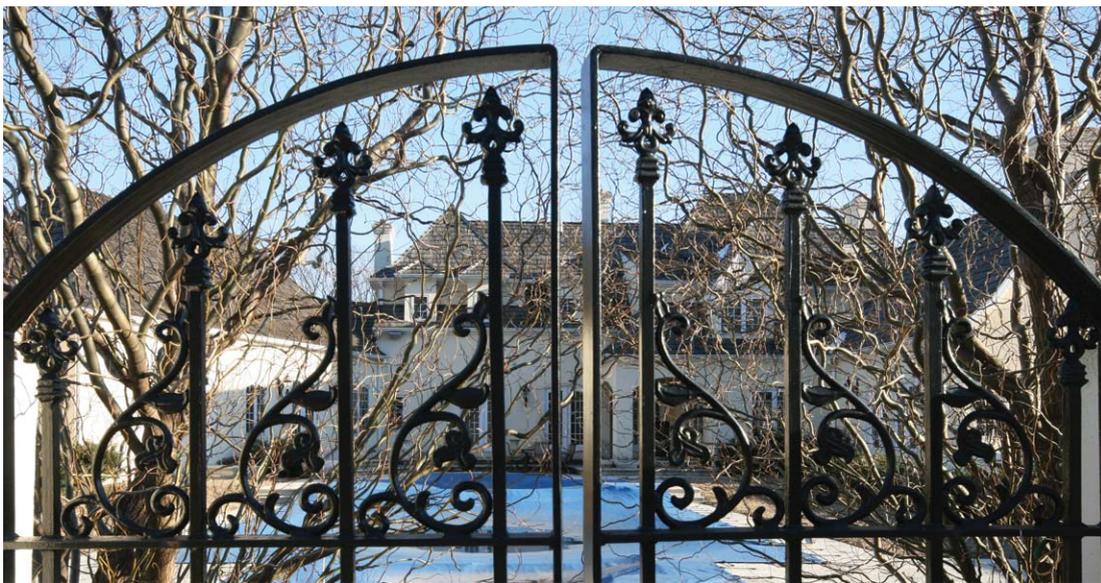
In addition to five bedrooms, the second level provides a reading room and access to the rooftop observation deck.

The home's lower level is designed for an executive, with a separate entrance and meeting room. A second wing can be used as a caretaker wing or in-law suite and features its own kitchen and laundry. A spectacular three-tiered pool completes this amazing property.

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“Through a private gated entrance,
down a winding driveway,
through the woods, a clearing appears
revealing a magnificent
French Style Manor”



- Designed by Renowned Architect Jack Arnold
- Custom Builder David Knipe
- Old World Materials Combined with Modern Function
- Observation Deck Overlooking 14 Secluded Acres

