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## More Details About Richard Widmark's Estate

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**T**he 28-acre Litchfield County estate of the late actor Richard Widmark — including a 1790s gristmill from the days when the property was a working farm — is on the market for \$3.8 million.

Known as "Heron Mill Farm," the estate's roots are in the 18th century, but its 4,200-square-foot, 3-bedroom main house and converted, barn-style guest house are new additions by the current owners, according to the William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, which has the listing.

The main house, rebuilt in 2010, features a great room with vaulted ceilings, floor-to-ceiling bookcases and a bluestone floor. There are two master bedroom suites — one on the first floor, another on the second — with the upstairs suite designed with a balcony. A wine cellar is on the lower level.

The 2,100-square-foot guest house, designed in the post-and-beam style, includes a large stone fireplace and lighted cupola. Two, twin-sized, window seat nooks can double as beds. In addition to a kitchen with vintage stove, there is an office, a gym, laundry room and full bath.

The grounds — including a quarter-acre pond — are landscaped with English gardens, stone walls and waterfalls.

Widmark, who died in 2008 at the age of 93, bought the estate in 1963 with his wife, screenwriter Jean Hazlewood. Widmark was catapulted to stardom in his first movie, the 1947 film noir "Kiss of Death" in which he played a psychopath who pushed a wheelchair-bound woman down a flight of stairs to her death. He earned an Oscar nomination for the role.

Widmark is best known for playing villains, but he also secured roles in high-profile dramas such as Panic in the Streets, No Way Out (with Sidney Poitier), Broken Lance (with Spencer Tracy) and Madigan.

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