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It's a Battle of the Staircases at Two Mercer Street Penthouses



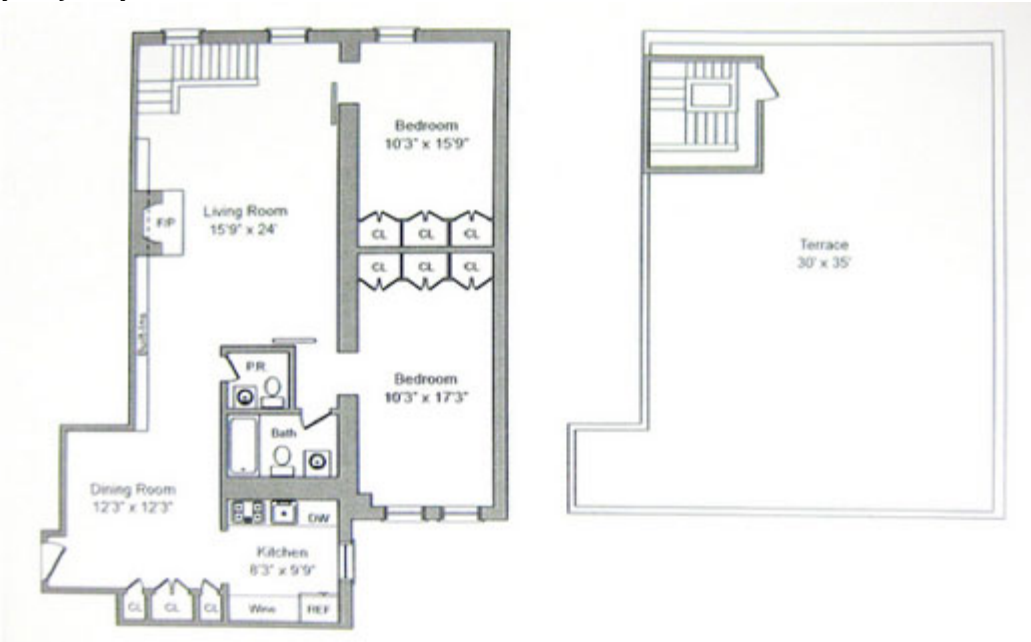
[Photos by William Weber.]

We love a good death match between two apartments in the same building, and the only thing better is a death match with a party. So we swung by last night's shindig at **303 Mercer** to check out two very different on-the-market penthouses, #605 and #608. One caters to the younger and more edgy buyer, while the other is begging for a Martha Stewart-type to take over the kitchen. One thing the two have in common: sweet staircases to their private roof decks. So which staircase wins? We photograph, you decide!

Okay, we'll describe them too >>

Penthouse 605's staircase, along with the sliding steel doors, is the centerpiece of the living room and gives things a mildly antique look. The roof deck is large but bare and could do with some outfitting. Triplex 608's Serret-designed staircase is not only continuous top to bottom, but it's capped by a snazzy copper bulked roof pavilion. The skylights and views give #608 a slight edge—but hey, we'd party in either place.

The floor plan for apartment 605:



And for 608:

