The Garden Retreat

A Private Garden Estate in Tenaja

Beyond grand iron gates and a rose-lined circular brick drive, The Garden Retreat brings together the comforts of a French-inspired residence and the beauty of an established country estate. Set on nearly five acres in Tenaja, this distinctive property offers mature gardens, an extensive citrus orchard and remarkable spaces for gathering, creating and enjoying life outdoors.

Nearly two years of restoration have renewed the grounds and brought this extraordinary estate back to life. Mature oaks shade the landscape, brick pathways wind through established gardens, and expansive lawns connect a collection of spaces designed for entertaining and quiet retreat. More than 100 citrus trees, along with mature fig trees, flowering trees and abundant roses, bring color, fragrance and seasonal harvests throughout the property.

At the heart of the estate is a nearly 4,000-square-foot, single-story residence offering five bedrooms, three-and-a-half bathrooms and an attached four-car garage. Ten-foot ceilings, distinctive French Art Deco alabaster light fixtures and a stately two-sided fireplace give the interiors a sense of character rarely found in newer construction.

Designed with both everyday living and entertaining in mind, the home offers an exceptional collection of gathering spaces, including a living room, formal dining room, sitting room and separate TV room. The result is a floor plan with room to entertain on a large scale while still providing comfortable, intimate spaces for everyday life.

The kitchen features rich cherry cabinetry, granite countertops, a Thermador Professional six-burner range, additional microwave/convection oven and an oversized built-in KitchenAid

refrigerator. A generous butler's pantry provides substantial food and appliance storage, while the kitchen opens naturally into the home's primary gathering areas.

The spacious primary suite provides a private retreat with a walk-in shower, jetted soaking tub and generous custom closet storage. Four additional bedrooms provide flexibility for family, guests, offices or creative spaces.

But the residence is only the beginning.

Step into the gardens and the property unfolds into an experience of its own.

An approximately 3,000-square-foot glass-enclosed gathering barn anchors the lower grounds, creating a dramatic setting for private entertaining. The space includes a bar area, additional rooms and substantial storage, while surrounding lawns provide an impressive extension of the entertaining space.

Nearby, an approximately 450-square-foot detached flex building provides additional space for recreation, fitness, hobbies or other private uses.

Continue through the gardens to an expansive deck overlooking the pond, complete with fountain and waterfall. A charming small chapel tucked into the landscape offers a peaceful destination for reflection, while mature Engelmann oaks provide a sense of permanence and scale that took decades to create.

For those who love to grow, cultivate and live from the land, the estate offers a substantial greenhouse with raised garden beds, extensive established landscaping and an orchard containing more than 100 citrus trees, including oranges, grapefruit, lemons, kumquats and pomelos. Mature fig trees and flowering varieties including crape myrtle, Japanese maple, hibiscus, iris and lavender add to the property's botanical character.

Behind the beauty is substantial infrastructure designed to support an estate of this scale. A productive private well supplies the property, supported by approximately 15,000 gallons of water-storage capacity, including a dedicated 5,000-gallon fire-protection tank. The property also includes a generator, tool shed, two septic systems and extensive areas for parking and property operations.

Selected furnishings, entertaining equipment and property-maintenance equipment may also be available with the sale, creating an opportunity for the next owner to begin enjoying the estate from day one.

Despite its private country setting, The Garden Retreat is approximately 20 minutes from Interstate 15, providing convenient access to Murrieta, Temecula and the surrounding communities.

This is more than a home on acreage. It is an established estate created for living, gathering, gardening and entertaining, with spaces and mature grounds that would take years to recreate.

The Garden Retreat is ready for its next chapter.

