

Romantic Villa in Old Palo Alto



425 SEALE AVENUE ■ PALO ALTO

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- Four bedrooms, three and one-half baths
- Living room, formal dining room, family kitchen
- Lower level with great room, kitchenette, bedroom, and full bath
- Landscaped garden with loggia, outdoor fireplace, patio, and lawn
- Award-winning Palo Alto School District

Offered at \$4,500,000



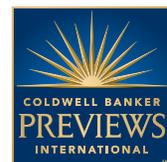
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Summary of Features

- A rough-hewn, arched door opens into the circular, double-height **entry hall**
- The elegant **living room** is warmed by a cast-stone, wood burning fireplace
- Sparkling French doors in the octagonal **dining room** frame a garden view
- The comfortable **family room** has a pine-wood floor and a beamed ceiling
- In the adjoining **kitchen**, gray, slab-granite counters top cherry wood cabinets
- The **powder room** is tucked beneath the staircase, just off the entry hall
- The hand-made, terra cotta tile **staircase** is complemented by a bronze rail
- Upper gallery leads to the **master suite**, which includes a private **library/office**
- In a separate wing, **two additional bedrooms** share a full bath
- The upstairs **laundry room** has hookups for full-sized washer and dryer
- The a second staircase descends from the entry hall to the **lower level**
- Temperature-controlled **wine room** has the capacity to store over 600 bottles
- The **great room** incorporates a media cabinet, a dining area and a kitchenette
- Beyond the great room are the **fourth bedroom** and **third full bath**
- The **art and activity room** has a deep sink, plus hook-ups for washer and dryer
- The fully-finished, **two-car garage** has a built-in workbench and a storage loft
- The garden **loggia** is located beyond the living room, adjacent to the **rear patio**
- The **lawn** is encircled by **shrubs and trees** in a variety of shades and textures
- An abundance of brilliant **flowers** envelopes the house and crowds the garden
- Approximately **4303 square feet of living space** excluding the lower level
- Award-winning **Palo Alto School District**

First Story

Entry Hall

- A rough-hewn, arched door opens from the terra cotta tile front porch
- Inside, the circular, double height **entry hall** is punctuated by rustic timbers, which support the upper gallery
- Next to the door, a bench, flanked by glossy cherry wood cabinets, is built-in
- A guest coat closet provides extra storage
- The turreted ceiling is lined in natural redwood
- An enormous copper lantern is suspended from the peak
- Black torcheres and recessed spotlights provide additional illumination
- Hand-crafted, terra cotta tile floor

Living Room

- Opposite the front door, an archway leads to the elegant **living room**
- The handsome, cast stone, wood-burning fireplace is ornamented by an ironwork screen
- The fireplace is flanked by glass doors which open to the loggia
- Sparkling French doors open to the rear patio
- The ceiling is accented by rough-hewn beams
- Spot lighting is draws the eye to art pieces on walls and mantel
- Polished knotty pine floor

Dining Room

- Double doors open from the entry hall to the octagonal formal **dining room**
- The box-beamed ceiling adds richness to the room
- A graceful wood and metal-work chandelier is suspended from the ceiling
- Sparkling French doors open to the rear patio
- A cherry wood buffet with a gray slab-granite counter is built into an alcove
- Spot lighting is recessed into the ceiling
- Hand-made terra cotta tile floor

Family Room and Kitchen

- The comfortable **family room** an be accessed from either the dining room or the entry hall
- The built-in housekeeping desk is set beneath a wide window
- True divided-light windows are screened by wooden blinds

- Sparkling French doors open to the rear patio
- A small closet holds cleaning supplies
- A built-in, padded banquette separates the family room from the **kitchen**
- Rich cherry wood drawers and cabinets are topped with gray slab-granite counters and have a tumbled marble tile backsplash
- The single stainless steel sink is set into a granite counter backing the banquette
- The SubZero, side by side refrigerator/freezer is paneled to match the cabinets
- The six-burner, Thermador gas range is surmounted by a Thermador stainless steel hood
- Other stainless steel appliances include a built-in GE Profile microwave and two Fisher & Paykel dishwasher drawers
- A glass door opens to the forecourt
- A second door leads to the garage
- Spot lighting shines from the beamed ceiling
- Polished knotty pine floor

Guest Powder Room

- The guest **powder room** is tucked beneath the staircase, just off the entry hall
- The built in vanity has a cherry wood cabinet and a round, silver metal “bowl” sink
- A single sconce provides gently flattering illumination
- The window is screened by a wooden blind
- Hand-made terra cotta tile floor

Second Story

Staircase and Upper Gallery

- The semi-circular **staircase** has hand-made terra cotta tile treads and risers
- These are complemented by a bronze rail in a shepherd’s crook design
- The staircase ascends to the **upper gallery**
- The gallery leads to the bedroom wing and to the mater suite
- True divided-light, wood-framed windows admit natural light
- An arched, lighted display niche is recessed into the wall
- A glass door opens to a shallow balcony perched above the front door
- Spot lighting is recessed into the turreted ceiling
- Hand-made terra cotta tile floor

Master Suite

- A plank door open to the secluded and luxurious **master suite**
- A linen closet is located just inside the door to the left
- Sliding glass doors open to a shallow balcony overlooking the rear garden
- A padded window seat with drawers and a cherry wood armoire are built-in
- The cedar-lined, custom-fitted walk-in closet offers a built-in bureau, bins, shelves and hanging storage
- Spot lighting and stereo speakers are recessed into the lofty, beamed ceiling
- Polished, knotty pine floor
- The private **library/office** is reached by climbing two stairs
- The octagonal room has built-in, cherry wood bookshelves
- Above the built-in desk, three Palladian windows frame a view of the rear garden
- The turreted ceiling is lined in natural redwood
- A copper lantern is suspended from the peak
- Polished, knotty pine floor
- A pocket door conceals the **master-bath**
- Twin porcelain “bowl” sinks are set into a gray slab-granite counter beneath a wall of mirror
- Black enameled drawers and cabinets provide abundant storage space
- Above, a skylight admits natural light
- The oversized Kohler whirlpool tub is set into a tumbled-marble deck framed by a wide window
- The tumbled-marble tile stall shower is enlivened by a mosaic frieze in the Greek key pattern
- Spot lighting and stereo speakers are recessed into the ceiling
- The tile floor is set in an attractive basket weave pattern

Additional Upstairs Bedrooms

- The **two additional upstairs bedrooms** are located in a separate wing
- The first bedroom has a closet, an overhead light, spotlights and stereo speakers recessed into the ceiling, and wall-to wall carpet
- The second bedroom has windows on three sides, and has two closets, an overhead light, spotlights and stereo speakers recessed into the ceiling, and a pine floor

Shared Bath

- The **shared bath** is situated between the two bedrooms

- Twin porcelain sinks are set into a gray slab-granite counter beneath a wall of mirror and lit by sconces
- White drawers and cabinets provide abundant storage space
- Above, a skylight admits natural light
- The shower-over-tub has a tile surround
- Stereo speakers are recessed into the ceiling
- Blue and green tile floor

Laundry Room

- The upstairs **laundry room** is conveniently located in this bedroom wing
- A stainless steel sink for soaking is set into a Corian counter
- There are hook-ups for full-sized a washer and dryer
- The walls are lined with white cabinets
- Spot lighting is recessed into the ceiling
- Terra cotta tile floor

Lower Level

Staircase and Wine Room

- The staircase to the lower level has hand-made terra cotta tile treads and risers
- The rail is custom-crafted of black wrought-iron
- A wrought-iron screen with a grapevine motif lends a whimsical touch
- At the bottom of the stairs, the temperature-controlled wine room is lined in floor-to-ceiling racks with storage capacity for over six hundred bottles
- Spot lighting is recessed into the ceiling
- Terra cotta tile floor

Great Room and Kitchenette

- The expansive **great room** incorporates an eating area defined by rustic timbers
- Flanked by deep display shelves a media center crafted of blonde wood is built-in against the far wall
- Four true divided-light windows look into a light well
- Spot lighting and stereo speakers are recessed into the ceiling
- Wall-to-wall carpet
- The **kitchenette** has a round stainless steel sink set into a gray slab-granite counter
- Above, the blonde wood cupboards have glass-fronts

- Appliances include a U-line under-counter refrigerator with an icemaker, a built-in GE Profile microwave and a Fisher& Paykel dishwasher drawer
- Terra cotta tile floor

Full Bath

- The lower level **full bath** is situated between the great room and the bedroom
- A porcelain sink is set into a gray slab-granite counter beneath a wall of mirror and lit by sconces
- White drawers and cabinets provide abundant storage space
- A heated towel rack provides a touch of pampering
- The shower-over-tub has a tile surround with a terra cotta frieze
- Spot lighting is recessed into the ceiling
- Terra cotta floor tile floor warmed by radiant heat

Lower Level Guest Bedroom

- The lower level guest **bedroom** is located beyond the bath at the end of the hall
- This peaceful room overlooks a cascade of greenery through a true divided-light window
- A closet provides hanging and shelf space
- Spot lighting and stereo speakers are recessed into the ceiling
- Wall-to-wall carpet

Art and Activity Room and Storage Rooms

- The **art and activity room** has a stainless steel sink set into a Corian counter
- The walls are lined with white paneled drawers and cabinets
- There are hook-ups for full-sized a washer and dryer
- Overhead light
- Terra cotta tile floor
- A large storage room lined in shelves adjoins the art and activity room
- A second storage room houses the furnace and water heaters

Exterior

Forecourt, Loggia, Rear Patio and Lawn

- The paved forecourt is closed off from the sidewalk by both vehicular and pedestrian gates
- This fully-fenced space can be used as an off-street parking area or as an additional patio
- Brilliant swags of bougainvillea envelope the house
- Planters and flower beds create bursts of color
- Wrought-iron-iron lamps provide illumination
- The garden **loggia** is located beyond the living room
- A pierced Moroccan lamp is suspended from the redwood ceiling
- Archways frame views of the garden
- An outdoor fireplace enhances the versatility of this space
- Spotlighting and stereo speakers are recessed into the ceiling
- Terra cotta tile floor
- The **rear patio** is paved in red fieldstone
- A circular spa with a safety cover is set into one corner
- Planters are crowded with a profusion of exotic plants including fast-growing bamboo,
- The **lawn** is encircled by shrubs and trees in a variety of shades and textures
- A bench occupies a sunny corner

Additional Features

- Approximately 4303 square feet of living space, excluding the lower level and garage
- Lower level is nearly 1000 square feet
- Lot size is 7500 square feet, per Santa Clara County records
- The attached, two-car garage is fully finished, with an automatic door, loft storage and a built-in workbench
- The interior of the home features many high-quality pieces of built-in cherry wood cabinetry
- Doors are solid wood plank design
- Windows are all true divided-light panes with wooden frames
- Award-winning Palo Alto schools

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