

# NAPA'S GRANDEST ESTATE "VILLA MILLE ROSE" HITS THE MARKET FOR \$26.5 MILLION



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A Napa Valley compound has just hit the market for \$26.5 million, making it the most expensive listing in the county. Known as Villa Mille Rose, the expansive 19.2-acre vineyard estate was built by philanthropist Maria Manetti Shrem, a former distributor of Gucci accessories in the US. Born in Florence, Italy, Ms. Manetti Shrem had purchased the estate in the 1980s, raising and rebuilding the previous home on the property in 1994 to create the stunning Italianate Villa it is today. Ms. Manetti Shrem, who is 80, has decided to sell the estate

after 40 amazing years of wonderful memories entertaining Napa's elite, in order to downsize and focus on the numerous charities that she supports, including the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art at UC Davis.

Only an hour and twenty-minute drive from San Francisco, the estate is situated in the heart of the Napa Valley in the famous AVA wine making region of Oakville, where cult wines such as Opus One and Screaming Eagle were born. Considered a vintner's paradise, the elite community has only 300 residences and is ideally zoned for large vineyard properties. The town's mild climate, unspoiled landscape, and magnificent surrounding mountains and valley floor views make it a much sought-after destination for those seeking a perfect balance of a secondary home retreat and a quick escape from the city. Landmark establishments such as Oakville Grocery, The Rutherford Grill, an Auberge du Soleil are just a short drive away.

Offering the ultimate in **sophisticated Wine Country living, Villa Mille Rose is surrounded by sprawling**

**vineyards, 360-degree mountain views, and two rivers. Per Compass agent Andy Ardila, who has the exclusive listing on the estate "The Villa is located in a fire danger-free zone, addressing a key concern for new buyers considering a major purchase in the Napa Valley, especially in light of the recent series of destructive wildfires."**

The estate is well suited for celebrities and tech titans, as it offers the ultimate in security and privacy, and is fully gated throughout.

Upon approaching the Villa, visitors driving through large, teal-colored entry gates are immediately awestruck by the scale and grandeur of the approximately 8,000 square foot main residence. The home's architecture, pastel-colored walls and terracotta red tiled roof are reminiscent of an authentic Tuscan-inspired home. After walking past an oversized pool and bridge, guests are greeted by large French entry doors which open to a light-filled grand salon with soaring ceilings and two massive fireplaces, conducive to large scale indoor/outdoor entertaining.



The home also includes an enormous 750-sq ft traditional Tuscan kitchen which is a chef's dream. Inspiring the ultimate in farm-to-table culinary creativity, amenities include 2 Wolf stoves, 3 ovens, 2 Subzero refrigerators, and a drive-up caterer's pantry. The kitchen space seamlessly flows into an intimate dining/family room area, surrounded by an oversized European wood burning stone fireplace – designed as a central gathering place for family and guests.

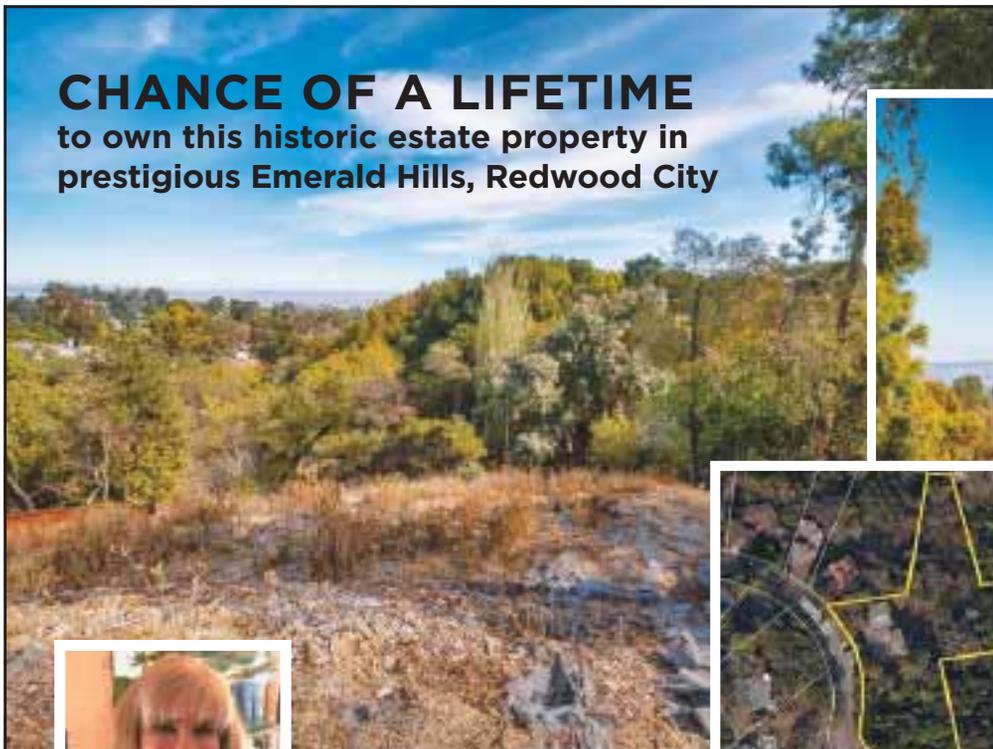
The outside manicured gardens boast more than 500 rose bushes, 100 fruit trees, 6.5 acres of vineyards and over 350 olive trees. Intersecting

gravel pathways lead to additional guest homes, a care taker's residence, a 4000- bottle wine cellar, barns and garages.

The property is exclusively represented by ACT at Compass. For more information visit [www.7888MoneyRd.com](http://www.7888MoneyRd.com) or contact Andy.Ardila@compass.com.

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