

Spanish Estate in Prime Location



60 Coachwood Terrace, Orinda

Fantastic Spanish-Style Estate on apx. 6.45 ac. 5 bedrooms/ 5 1/2 baths, pool/spa, 6,000 apx. sq. ft., outer bldg room for guests w/ bath. 3 car garage plus lots of extra parking, wonderful stone garden area with lots of fruit trees, truly one of a kind.



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The Moraga Country Club Kitchen Tour Promises to Delight

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The Grennblatt's view from the kitchen window

One of the four homes belongs to empty-nesters, John and CJ Greenblatt, who agreed to open their home despite their daughter's wedding that same weekend. "We could not say 'no' to Sue," says CJ Greenblatt, who adds that friends will be there to answer questions.

Their home, which is set close to the sixth green of the golf course, still had the original floor plan when they bought it. The kitchen and family room had no view of the greens. "We started thinking about moving spaces around," says Greenblatt, "and when our architect, Allan Sayles, came in he had the same idea." The wall that separated the small kitchen from the dinette area was removed and the family room was moved from the front to the back of the house so the great view could be enjoyed most of the time.

In the larger kitchen, a center island was custom-made to fit the room, adding seating space, prep space and a prep sink. The Greenblatts chose two different tones of gray granite for the counter tops and the island. All of the cabinets are white and hide the appliances, including a cool built-in Miele coffee machine. The color contrasts pleasantly with the dark oak floor. The openness of the plan serves the view well, and light abounds in the house. The transitional style blends nicely with the Japanese inspiration of the garden that was redone a few years ago.

Transitional describes another home on the tour belonging to a young family with school-age children. When the Foleys bought their house a year and a half ago, the kitchen had been redone by the previous owners, but a serious leak damaged it and they turned that accident into an opportunity to remodel the floor plan to their liking.

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