

## ONE OF A KIND



## Santa Barbara-style home features grand design with comfortable spaces

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When a butterfly emerges from a cocoon, few of us can imagine all the miraculous changes that had to take place between caterpillar and winged beauty. Such is also true of a home that is magically changed and enhanced through reconstruction and expansion. The transformation reflects a new personality and a fresh reality, with improved technological and structural features.

The 6,385-square-foot beauty at 199 Whispering Trees Lane in Danville (below) was crafted from an older, smaller house on a lovely lot. Glowing with a golden plaster finish and adorned on the exterior with tile roof, attractive landscaping including two water fountains and numerous welcoming lanterns, this home is well-situated on an approximately .88-acre site on the west side of

Danville close to the Del Amigo Swim Club. Tucked into a very quiet street, it has a generous parking apron which sets off the single-story Santa Barbara-style home.

The ornate wood, leaded glass and iron-work double door entry opens to the home's vast entertaining space, with sturdy columns helping delineate the dining room, the vast living room with fireplace plus an attractive side patio accessed through numerous doorways. The marble floors and the variety in ceiling heights and molding enhance the rooms and a dramatic chandelier and wrought iron insets in multiple locations add visual interest.

The nearby kitchen (top left), with a suspended hood, two-level granite-topped island, stainless steel appliances and cherry cabinets which stretch to the ceiling make this a perfect party kitchen

that's also welcoming for everyday family meals. A walk-in pantry and beverage refrigerator keep everything near at hand.

Just beyond the kitchen is another huge gathering space — a game room where all generations can enjoy watching the large screen television or play table games while enjoying a bar area and the warmth of the visually striking fireplace. There's plenty of room for a piano or other diversions as well, and a huge picture window faces the quiet street.

Doors from the family room and the living room lead to a generous covered loggia and patio which is supported by columns and overlooks a good-sized side yard (top right). The patio extends beyond the roof line, offering plenty of space for dining, barbecue or outdoor kitchen, and the current owners suggest the area could also accommodate a pool or spa for more entertaining options.

Indeed, the couple who created this dramatic remodel agree that entertaining was one of their main focuses as they re-configured the home.

Home as sanctuary wasn't overlooked, however. A huge master suite with two-sided fireplace between the bedroom and bathroom also features dramatic ceilings, double doors that open to a courtyard and a vast bathroom with jetted tub and oversize steam shower. A walk-in closet with many storage options is augmented by a wall-long length of closets in the master bedroom. An adjoining office space also opens to the courtyard.

Also in this area of the home is a large guest suite with its own bathroom including double sinks and walk-in closet, plus access to the rear yard of the home.

Two more bedrooms and a bathroom with two sinks are located down a hallway off the foyer. At the end of the hall is a vast room designed to be a home gym, and it could be

configured to accommodate an additional bedroom or home office in part of the space.

Along with all the gorgeous finishes in the remodeled home — dark Brazilian walnut floors, marble tile floors and Venetian plaster walls — there are abundant features which help the residence operate efficiently, including dual tankless water heaters, solar panels, extensive use of florescent lights, water filtration system and a well for irrigation, plus technological installations for audio/visual features. The garage accommodates four cars plus extra space for storage. A retaining wall and new fence provide even more privacy in the back yard.

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### VITAL STATISTICS

**What:** A dramatic single-story Santa Barbara-style home at 199 Whispering Trees Lane in Danville.

**Size:** Approximately 6,385 square feet on an approximately .88-acre lot.

**Bedrooms:** Five.

**Bathrooms:** Three full and two half-baths.

**Features:** Elegant marble and Brazilian walnut floors, three fireplaces, covered loggia adjoining the living room, huge game room, 10-foot-tall ceilings, kitchen with pantry, gym and three distinct yard areas plus a courtyard with access from several rooms.

**Price:** \$3,215,000.

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