



DRAKES VIEW DRIVE, INVERNESS

WEST MARIN | ~~\$2,550,000~~ **SOLD**

**The View:** Inverness Ridge views are unmatched in the US. At an altitude of 1000 ft, one looks over 10,000 acres of US Park Service maintained forest and hillsides including the wilderness section of Point Reyes National Seashore, with only one visible farmhouse about 10 miles away. On a clear day, miles of coastline and ocean can be seen including the Farallon Islands, Drakes Bay, Limantour Spit, ships navigating for the Pacific Northwest and gray whales during their annual migration. Additionally, the surrounding area has a tremendous seafaring history such as the estuary where Sir Francis Drake beached his ships for careening, resupplying and contact with the native people of Marin and Sonoma.

**The Property:** Located on a ridge top lot of approximately 1.6 acres, one will find a beautiful stand of pine-oak forest, a mini-grove of redwood trees and many species of native and migratory birds (more than a hundred hummingbirds have been fed here for more than 30 years). Being bordered by wilderness, the property is occasionally visited by protected animals (deer have been known to come to the door for apples). Also, the half acre garden includes a covered raspberry patch, native and decorative plantings, two meditation gardens both with ponds (plus koi in the large garden pond), plus a plentiful fruit tree orchard with select apples and pears.

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**The House:** Splendid vines frame the entry gate and a Japanese style bridge leads to the front door. The home features over 4,550 square feet of living space, redesigned and all new construction with modern building materials in 1997 after the Mt Vision fire. There are full east and west views from the spacious living room and attached decks. Separate 'Great Rooms' approximately 60'x20' are located on the north and south flanks of the property and can be easily converted into bedrooms, family rooms or entertainment areas. Currently, they are configured for a senior academic couple with sitting areas, large libraries (additional bookcases available), an art studio and exercise area both featuring breathtaking views looking to the in east and west plus smaller windows looking to north and south.

The master bedroom is on the main level with two adjacent bathrooms, dressing rooms with mirrored wardrobes and walk-through shower connecting the two suites. A third bathroom serves guests and the north wing of the home with two additional bedrooms, an elevator and stairs to the second story 'Great Room'. Additionally, there is a well appointed indoor workshop, full laundry room and plenty of decorative cabinetry on the main level.

The gourmet kitchen was inspired by Julia Child's island design and features double refrigerator/freezers, double ovens and dishwashers, microwave, an electric easy-clean cook top and commercial grade (no cleaning) hood.

Outdoors, one will find a second workshop for gardener and/or handyman, plus three storage rooms, and easy access to the large second story attic. Lastly, huge decks wrap the front and rear of the home with flowering plants and a blooming cactus garden. Plus, a unique and efficient covered parking for six cars including racks for kayaks, wood storage, gardening bench and so much more.

