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SpaceX founder finds a space

Billionaire entrepreneur and inventor **Elon Musk** has paid \$17 million for a mansion in Bel-Air.

Built in 1990 and remodeled with entertaining in mind, the 20,248-square-foot manse features a two-story library, a theater, a library/study, a wine cellar, a gym, seven bedrooms and 10 bathrooms. The 1.7-acre property includes a tennis court, a swimming pool and an expansive motor court.

Musk, 41, founded Hawthorne rocket maker Space Exploration Technologies Corp., known as SpaceX. He co-founded electric-car company Tesla Motors Inc. and the Internet payment company that would become PayPal.

The property previously changed hands in 1997 for \$5.35 million, public records show.

Victoria Risko of Sotheby's Beverly Hills office was the listing agent. Brian Ades of the Sunset office represented Musk.