



California dreaming

We explore The Morgan Estate as it arrives on the market in all of its Tudor and Jacobean architectural splendour in the heart of Silicon Valley, California



When you think of Silicon Valley, the immediate buzzwords are Facebook, Google or another contributor to the area's vibrant technology scene. But outside the digital hub of America are the coveted Los Altos Hills, where the Morgan Estate, built in 1914, is situated. Percy Tredegar Morgan – a San Francisco businessman who was one of the first trustees of Stanford University and went on to found the California Wine Association – built this fine property, which has undergone a seven-year restoration by its current owners. It is widely regarded as one of the grandest properties in California – clearly, Morgan had impeccable taste.

It comes as no surprise that the estate is regarded as an architectural masterpiece. The Tudor and Jacobean revival façade and interior are not only stunning, but will transport you back

to the early 20th century just from stepping inside. The ballroom, which has been the setting of many society parties, has an oak parquet floor, inlaid with ebony wood, with a gilded fireplace from a palazzo near Florence, Italy, no less. The ceiling is a golden, 500-year-old masterpiece from the Grimani Palace in Venice, which was built in the 15th century adjacent to the Rialto Bridge. If this grandeur is what you're in search of, you might never leave this room. But, you should know, there is a breath-taking library, a wine cellar and beautifully manicured gardens, which also make up this eight-acre property. Many of the rooms, including the dining room (which has a 700-year-old carving from Bruges, Belgium, above the doorway), feature international masterpieces that make the entire estate more like a museum than a home. However, we think you will find its four bedrooms, kitchen (decorated in onyx and with copper sinks), butler's pantry, family room, guest wing, his and hers dressing rooms and a caretakers home more than accommodating as a home for years and perhaps generations to come. [M](mailto:art.sharif@sothebyshomes.com) \$27,000,000. For further enquiries contact Art Sharif (art.sharif@sothebyshomes.com) or Jaime DuPont (jaime.dupont@sothebyshomes.com) at Sotheby's International Realty.



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