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#### Solvang, California

in the hills of beautiful Ballard Canyon, this private country estate has spectacular views. The 5,000 square foot main residence includes five bedrooms, two master suites, five bathrooms, a gourmet chet's kitchen, three spacious living/family room areas, a formal dining room and five-car garage with office. There is also a detached two-bedroom, one bathroom guesthouse with a separate one-bedroom, one bathroom studio, while a separate, three-bedroom, two bathroom caretaker's cottage is on the lower end of the property.

Equestrian facilities abound with multiple barns, an office, covered arena, open arena,

tack room, hot walker, paddocks, pastures and on-site riding traits. Additional outdoor amenities include built-in barbecues, a pool, spa, manicured lawns, a regulation tennis court with viewing area, private five-hole golf course and four-acre boutique vineyard growing Syrah and Pinot grapes.

£2.34m / £2.65m / \$2.995m

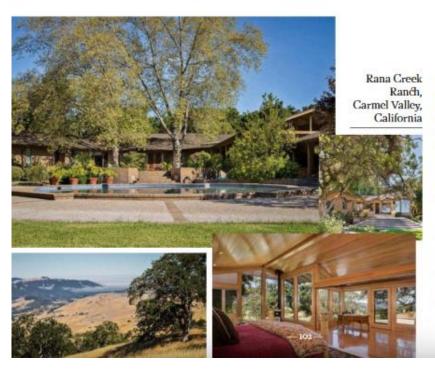
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Owned by Mike Markkula, Apple's first backer and second CEO, this property is the largest private holding in Carmel Valley. It consists of 14,000 acres of completely fenced land, owner, manager, guest and staff residences, agricultural buildings and a 2,900-foot private air strip. The property includes 12 legal parcels and is primarily agricultural with cattle grazing (300-450 head) and horse facilities.

Over three decades owning the property, Mr Markkula has remodelled the houses and increased the acreage significantly. Fascinated by cowboys, he even installed a 'cowboy bar' in the main house and learned to ride at the ranch.

£35.5m / £40.4m / \$45m Carmel Realty Company

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the topography of the United States there's little wonder that it proves such an excellent choice for not only riding but also owning and stabling your own horses. There is a myriad of ranches, equestrian estates and exciting trail rides on offer with different levels of terrain to suit every rider.

Rick Distel, Private Client Group, William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, says, "Equestrian buyers are often more focused on the horse facilities available, as opposed to the area where the property is located. That said, there are certainly towns that attract an upscale equestrian audience, and those include Roxbury, Woodbury and Salisbury in Litchfield County, Connecticut as well as Millbrook in neighbouring Dutchess County, New York. These desirable

towns dot the landscape north of the New York City metropolitan area, beginning with towns like Bedford in Westchester County and working north through Litchfield County, Connecticut and Dutchess County.

"For equestrian buyers, the horse facilities are the main requirements when buying these sorts of estates and properties, and the residence is often secondary. For example, barns, paddocks, tack rooms, and indoor rings are all of utmost importance." Mr Distel advises that the region is home to a large selection of equestrian estates offered across a wide range of prices. "A modest but fully functional property on healthy acreage can be had in some of the towns for \$1 million while the sky is the limit at the upper end," he says. "Again, to many of these horse owners, if the horses are happy it is worth the investment."