



OJAI VALLEY INN

CASA ELAR AT-A-GLANCE

OVERVIEW

Casa Elar was built in 2006 by the Crown Family of Chicago as a private residence on the grounds of the Ojai Valley Inn. Casa Elar refers to the initials “L” and “R” for Lester and Renee Crown, owners of the Inn. Casa Elar is popular for celebrity escapes, family reunions and destination weddings. It was renovated in March 2022.

KEY PLAYERS

Architect: William Mahan of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Interior Designer: Konstant Home of Skokie, IL - Natalie Konstant, Principal Designer

Landscape Architect: Katie O’Reilly Rogers of Santa Barbara

Exterior light fixtures: Steve Handelman Studios of Santa Barbara

Site lighting: Gambino Lighting

Contractor: MG Partners of Santa Barbara

Landscape Contractor: Clark and White of Los Angeles and Ojai

ARCHITECTURE

Resembling a Tuscan Villa, Casa Elar features custom-color, steel-trowel plaster, Santa Barbara sandstone, custom African mahogany windows and doors and operable Italian shutters. The front entry and great terrace fountains are hand-carved limestone. There are a total of four fountains on the property. The driveway apron is made of interlocking pavers and the driveway is chip-sealed colored gravel over asphalt.

SIZE

Square footage of house – total structure = 10,147

First floor – 5,454 square feet

Second floor – 3,953 square feet

Garage – 740 square feet

Square footage of fenced area including structure = 44,000 square feet

AMENITIES

- Two primary suites upstairs, both with hand-carved limestone fireplaces, luxurious wool carpet. Each suite has his and hers bathrooms with crème marfil countertops, honed-limestone floors, all custom millwork. Each suite has an outdoor covered porch with a fireplace. In primary suite #1, there are two custom Konstant Home chairs while in primary suite #2, there are two Jenni Kayne chairs.
- Two large bedrooms downstairs, each with full baths featuring crème marfil countertops and custom millwork. The fireplace in bedroom #3 is hand-carved limestone. The fireplace in bedroom #4 is plaster with a tile surround. Both bedrooms feature boucle clam chairs and luxurious wool carpet.
- Guest/staff apartment over garage with living room, dining room and kitchenette area, bedroom and bath. Pool and spa area with wooden trellis. Hardscape stone is the same travertine used in the world-famous Getty Museum and Santa Barbara limestone.
- Great Room includes a large seating area with Royene inspired chairs, dining table for 14, custom CJ Peters buffet, wood-burning, hand-carved limestone fireplace, dark exposed beams, hand-scraped walnut floors with large rug, and Paul Ferrante light fixture.
- Library/entertainment room includes a large seating area, game table area, custom desk area, wood-burning, hand-carved limestone fireplace with deep-red marble surround, built-in bar, large media center with 61-inch flat screen TV. Full-house sound system can be accessed in the Library

(portable control unit) and additional wall Crestron control units are located in the Great Room and Kitchen.

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- Large kitchen with butler and service pantries, laundry room and staff restroom. Kitchen countertops are resurfaced basaltine stone. Appliances are by Sub-Zero and Wolf. Breakfast nook has barrel-roof ceiling and leads to an outdoor, covered porch with hand-carved limestone fireplace and travertine hardscape. Refinished cabinets and Hay Furniture stools.
- Elevator to second floor suites has a walnut finish and antique mirror.
- Guest powder room on the first floor has a custom-millwork vanity and hand-made black clay floor tiles.
- The Great Room outdoor terrace has a hand-carved limestone fountain, the same travertine as seen in the world famous Getty Museum and overlooks the fairway of the golf course. Outdoor furniture includes custom pieces from Formations, custom upholstery, and dining tables created by The Well.
- The BBQ terrace includes wooden trellis atop cast concrete pillars, stone Mugnaini pizza oven, gas BBQ, built-in seating, overlooking the barranca. Two custom teak dining tables from The Well.
- Formal front entry of Italian design will park eight vehicles; two-car garage with two additional parking spaces in front of garage doors. This area also can be used for entertaining as it has an entertainment power package. There are seven field-grown olive trees surrounding the motor courtyard. The front elevation is softened by eight Italian cypress trees. Other plantings include rosemary, roses, lavender, and box hedges. Fruit trees include lemon, orange, pear, peach, fig, apple, avocado, and apricot. The front custom-made iron gate is operable by code, card reader and by phone access in house.
- Cart path leading to the golf course has a custom-made iron gate operable by code.
- Rotunda: a 24' high entry foyer with a dome finished in Venetian plaster. The floor is limestone, and the baseboards are walnut as are the treads on the circular stair. Circular stairs with ornate custom-made iron railings lead to master suites on the second floor.
- Total number of fireplaces: 12 plus the outdoor pizza oven.
- Fitness room complete with spin bicycle, treadmill, free weights, and outdoor area that overlooks the surrounding golf course.
- Artwork – Several custom pieces can be found throughout Casa Elar. The dining room features a custom Caleb Mahoney and mirrors by sculptor Willy Guhl. A custom Josh Young is in the study and a photograph by local photographer, Victoria Pearson, is in the hallway. The first-floor hallway features a collection of archival photographs of some of the numerous stars and celebrities who have visited the Ojai Valley Inn over the years.

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