



61 Corral de Tierra Road, Salinas

3 BEDS, 2 BATHS ■ 3,122 SQ. FT.

The house was built in 1975 on 2.5 acres of land in the country on Corral de Tierra Road. The architect who designed the house also designed the nearby Chamisal Tennis Club, on Robley Road. The architect and the Sellers camped out on various places on the property, looking for the perfect site to build the house and take full advantage of the iconic view of “The Castles” and the Pastures of Heaven made famous by John Steinbeck.

Originally, all the exterior and interior siding was envisioned as cedar. By a stroke of luck, the builder was simultaneously constructing a very large home in the Monterey Peninsula and was able to offer the Seller a great price on an over-order of clear all heart redwood siding. The Seller gladly accepted and used it for all interior and exterior siding.

Many well-known Monterey Peninsula craftsmen contributed features to the house. All cabinets, buffet, shelves, built-ins, fireplace screen, kitchen hood light and the pot hanger were custom designed and/or commissioned by local craftsman.

The large beam in the living room over the fireplace came from an old Big Sur trestle bridge found by the architect.

The Seller’s mother carefully selected Heath tile for the kitchen counters. The poppy-themed tile inset was her custom design, which she brought to life in close collaboration with the Heath Tile team in Sausalito.

Subtle touches-the Sellers family put black found river rocks at the foot of the stairs in the cement forming a rooster and footprints in the downstairs shower room.