

SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA: The state's viticultural history dates back to the 18th century when Spanish missionaries planted the first vineyards to produce wine for church services.

Mayacama, a private club with a Nicklaus Signature design, is eight miles from the town of Healdsburg, in the heart of Pinot Noir country. "The club embraces everything special about the area—from the club's vintner program to the wine cave just off the 18th green," expressed Jack Nicklaus. "It's in a magnificent setting."

"Our 500 member wine lockers outnumber golf lockers," said Tim Hoffmann, director of sales. "The wine cave is strategically located beneath the clubhouse, providing an atmosphere that remains between 58 to 62 degrees."

After a 12-year career on the U.S. Speed Skating Team, Tim moved from Park City, Utah, site of the 2002 Olympics, to California's wine country. "Golf and skating have similarities," continued Hoffmann. "You may train with others, but at the end of the day, both are individual sports. You must believe in yourself and what got you there.

"The entitlement process in Sonoma County is lengthy," explained Hoffmann. "It took 15 years for Mayacama to become reality. We are the only private club of this caliber in the area and it's unlikely another community of its kind will be built in the region for generations."

PRIVATE RESIDENCE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Approximately 25 percent of Mayacama's members have purchased 1/10 shares in its private residence club.



"Benefits are undeniable," praised Hoffmann. "Perks include full golf privileges, access to our exceptional wine program, and unlimited use of the Mediterranean-inspired clubhouse, spa, gym, pool, and tennis facilities."

Growing demand has warranted development of new villas with an industry-leading opportunity. "For the first time, we are bringing to market whole ownership villas with an enticing lease-back option," reported Hoffman. "If you place your villa in our member rental program for a minimum of eight months, Mayacama pays 100 percent of operating costs, including property tax and golf dues.

"The program is truly a win/win scenario. With our robust built-in member overnight stay demand, high occupancy is almost a guarantee, allowing the club the financial leeway to cover daily out-of-pocket expenses."

For more information, please visit Mayacama.com.

Mayacama is rated a Top 100 Golf Course in the United States.