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Santa Ynez Valley Newsletter

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A few years back, the Danish word HYGGE made its way into everyday vocabulary and everyone's Pinterest boards. It loosely translates to "a feeling of warmth, comfort or coziness". Think soft plush sofas, dreamy bedding, roaring fireplaces, a hot bowl of stew, a good book. This is my hygge edition. But there's actually a bigger sense to the word. It's a sense of togetherness, of belonging. It's finding that well-being, connection, and contentment within ourselves. **It's a pursuit of everyday happiness.** I hope you seek it. I hope you find it.

-Ben

COMING SOON



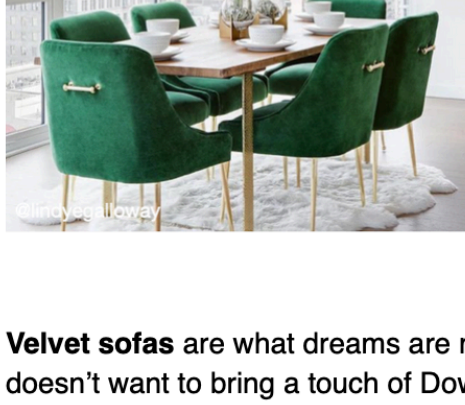
2860 Woodstock Road, Santa Ynez, California

Secluded 7+ acre hilltop estate with gorgeous mountain views, set in a prime location in the desirable Oak Trail Estates. The substantially remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom main house offers a generous open living space, stone fireplaces, chef's kitchen, and porcelain "wood" flooring throughout. In addition, there is beautiful 1 bed, 1 bath pool house that features a full kitchen.

Outside, flagstone walkways and mature pepper trees lead to an entertainer's paradise that includes a custom pool and spa, grand stone fireplace, outdoor kitchen and bar, horseshoe pit, pergola, fire pit, and more.

Offered at \$2,450,000

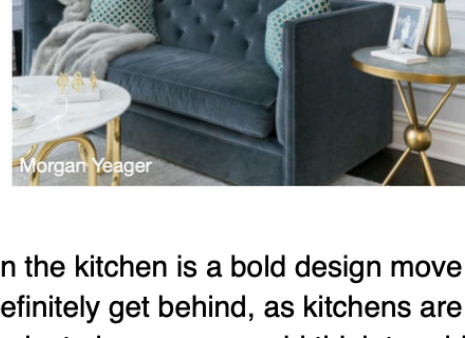
Design Trend : Velvet



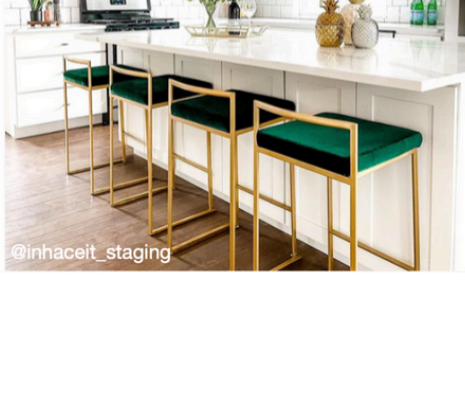
Velvet chairs are very on trend right now. Using them in the dining room can instantly add a regal feel. Their plush texture adds a coziness to the space that wooden, wicker, or even linen lacks. Not ready to commit to a whole set? Why not play around with host and hostess chairs. A fun way to add just a touch of elegance.

Mia at **Dennee's Furniture and Design Center** in Santa Ynez can work with you for all your interior design needs...including velvet dining chairs!

Velvet sofas are what dreams are made of. Who doesn't want to bring a touch of downtime Abbey or Bridgerton style into their own home? New sofa too much? Start with some luxurious velvet cushions to upgrade your own sofa's hygge factor.



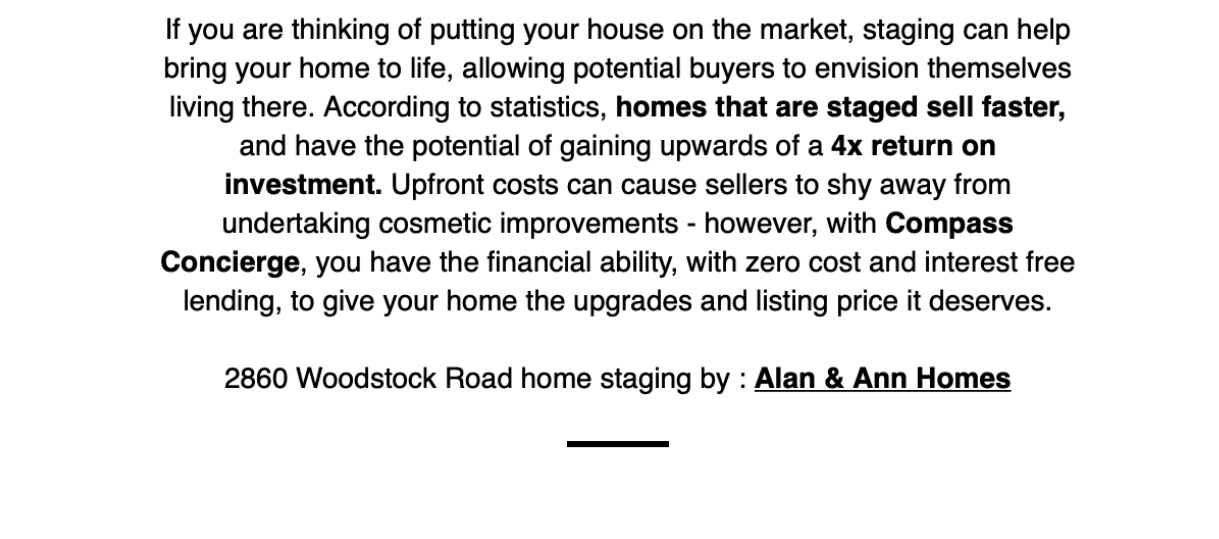
A quick trip to visit **Dawn at Finch and Fern** in Santa Ynez will definitely have you heading home with a few gorgeous pillows to cozy up your sofa.



Using velvet in the kitchen is a bold design move that we can definitely get behind, as kitchens are sometimes the last places you would think to add luxurious textiles. These gorgeous **velvet barstools** add a whimsy of sophisticated flair that you may find at your favorite London speakeasy. Bring that vibe to your own kitchen while you whip up a deliciously elaborate cocktail.

Keep your eye out for great finds that **Susan at Home Design & Consign** has in Santa Ynez. Her pieces are constantly changing, so check in often!

Compass Concierge : Home Staging



If you are thinking of putting your house on the market, staging can help bring your home to life, allowing potential buyers to envision themselves living there. According to statistics, **homes that are staged sell faster**, and have the potential of gaining upwards of a **4x return on investment**. Upfront costs can cause sellers to shy away from undertaking cosmetic improvements - however, with **Compass Concierge**, you have the financial ability, with zero cost and interest free lending, to give your home the upgrades and listing price it deserves.

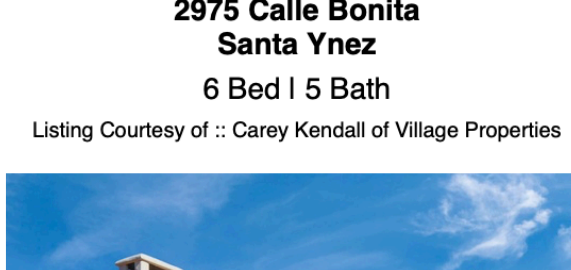
2860 Woodstock Road home staging by : **Alan & Ann Homes**

Featured SVY Homes :: - with Fireplaces -



2203 Hill Haven Road Santa Ynez 3 Bed | 2.5 Bath

Listing Courtesy of :: Carey Kendall of Village Properties



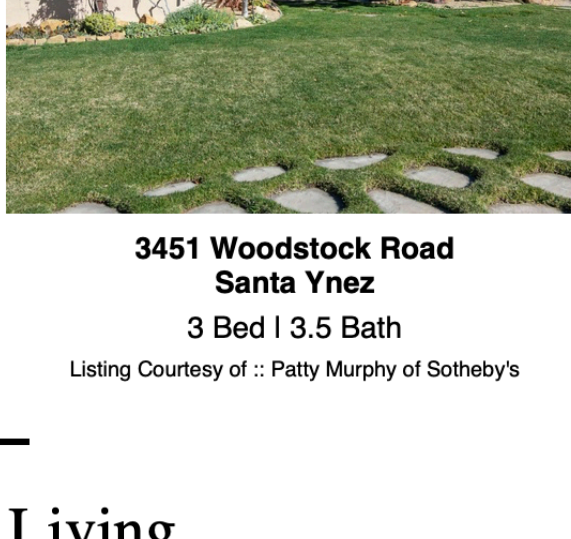
2975 Calle Bonita Santa Ynez 6 Bed | 5 Bath

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5999 Foxen Canyon Road Los Olivos 2 Bed | 2.5 Bath

Listing Courtesy of :: Micah Brady of Sotheby's



3451 Woodstock Road Santa Ynez 3 Bed | 3.5 Bath

Listing Courtesy of :: Patty Murphy of Sotheby's

Santa Ynez Living

COMMUNITY SUPPORT :: - Madi's Treasure Box -

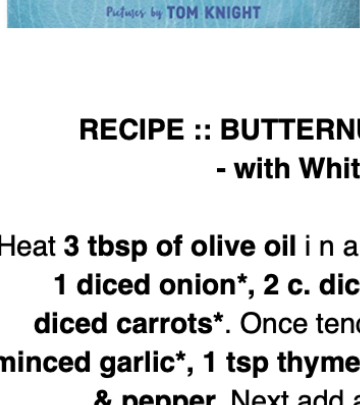
Madison is an 8-year-old Solvang resident who is doing magnificent things right here in our community. Through her **GoFundMe** and her sale of "World Changer" pencil sets and multicultural crayons, she is making sure that children locally, and across the nation, have books of diversity and crayons for all skin tones available to them.



DECLAN'S BOOKCLUB :: "THE BIG BED" - by Bunmi Laditan // Illustrated by Tom Knight -

In honor of Madi's favorite book, we are highlighting this sweet and hilarious story of a little girl who negotiates alternate sleeping arrangements for her dad so that she can sleep in "the big bed" with her mommy. We love reading and giggling through this treat of a book. We all just want extra cuddles with our moms.

Available at the **Book Loft** in Solvang



RECIPE :: BUTTERNUT SQUASH STEW - with White Beans and Kale -

Heat 3 **tblsp of olive oil** in a large soup pot. Add 1 **dicd onion***, 2 **c. dicd celery***, and 2 **c. dicd carrots***. Once tender, add 2 **cloves of minced garlic***, 1 **tsp thyme**, 1 **tsp parsley, salt & pepper**. Next add a **28oz can of dicd tomatoes** along with 6 **cups of chikken/vegetable** broth. Next add 4 **c cubed butternut squash***. Bring to a boil and simmer for 15/20 mins until squash is tender. Add **one bunch of finely chopped kale*** and 2 **cans of drained white beans**. Cook additional 10 minutes. Season to taste. Top with **crusty bread slices** and **freshly grated parmesan**. **Enjoy!** *Ingredients found at **Finley Farms Honor Stand**

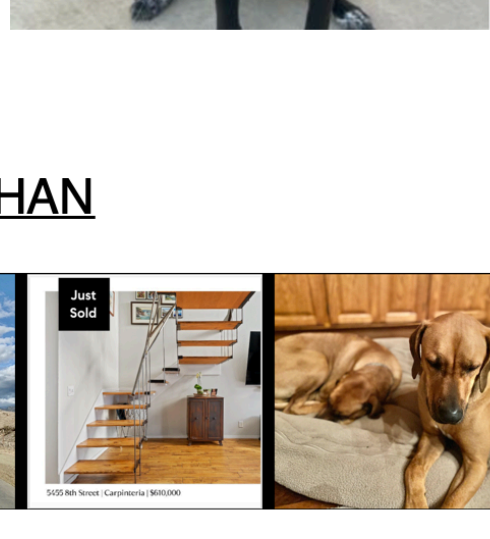


WINE OF THE MONTH :: Carhartt // 2020 Nat'É Boi Sparkling Rosé

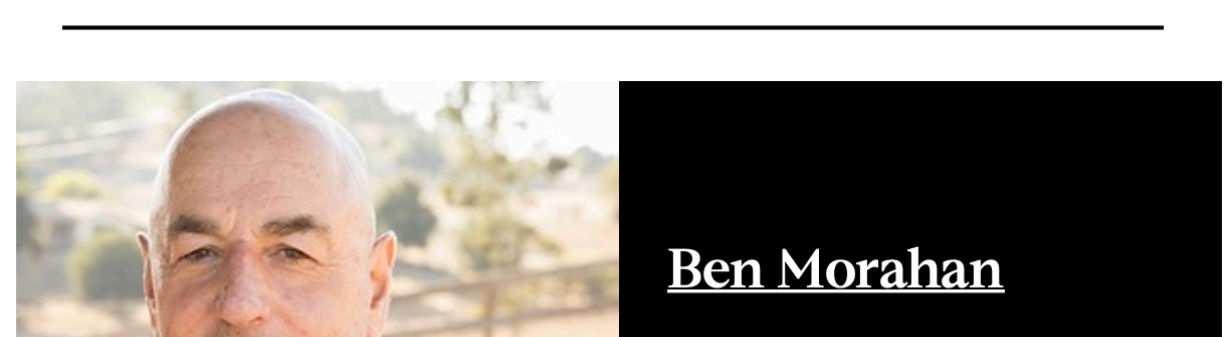
Newly Released! 100% Grenache "This unfiltered sparkling has elegant and refined bubble structure with aromas of watermelon cream, pear blossom, and citrus pith. Orange zest, strawberry, melon, and crisp balanced acidity on the palate." Just in time for Valentine's Day!

HOMES FOR LOCAL SHELTER DOGS :: - Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society -

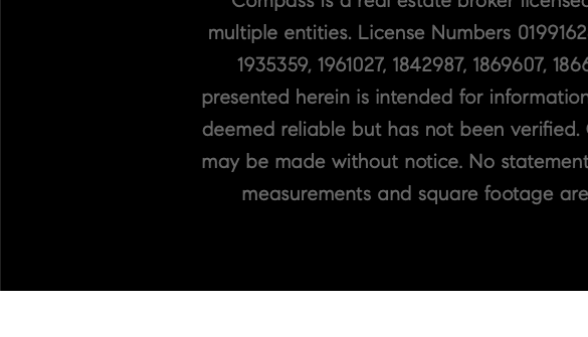
Look at that sweet face!! Priscilla is a 1 year old lab/pointer mix who is desperately looking for a wonderful forever home to call her own. She is a favorite at the shelter, but can be a little shy when meeting new friends. She is available for adoption from the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. Fill out an adoption application **HERE** to adopt Priscilla or another one of her friends!



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