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Santa Ana, San Jose
Shangri La, according to Merriam-Webster’s dictionary, means a remote, beautiful imaginary place where life approaches perfection. Everything about that definition describes perfectly this exquisite Villa Real luxury estate, other than, imaginary, of course. While it would seem far fetched to own over 5000sq meters of completely private land, with a sense of remoteness in the heart of one of the most coveted gated, residential communities, this masterpiece is real, and for the first time in its less than 10 year history, is now available for sale. Villa Real, situated on a hillside on the border between Escazu and Santa Ana, is a premier gated, residential community that combines convenience, exclusivity, and security, all within the backdrop of a lush green tropical forest, and stunning sunset views in the forefront. Villa Real offers dual access for its residents, as well as resort-style amenities including walking trails, semi Olympic swimming pool, tennis courts, clubhouse, and a gym. While Villa Real is host to some of the Central Valley’s finest luxury estates and homes, none can compare to the creation that we call Villa Real Shangri La. Upon arriving at Shangri La, you will come to one of the only private gated entrances, within Villa Real which is where the true sense of arrival begins. As the iron gate slowly opens, you will know you have arrived. Unlike most homes in Villa Real, the entrance to this estate is a flat, slowly winding concrete paved road, lined with lush greenery on either side. As you meander around the first curve, you will experience sensory overload as the view opens up dramatically combining what seems to be endless views of the mountains, and surrounding valleys, with a stunning, contemporary tropical residence in your peripheral. As you continue to approach the residence, you will find an expansive, private cul de sac arrival, with multiple garages both for daily use and the collection. Upon entering the home, which unlike most homes in Villa Real, sprawls horizontally as opposed to vertically, you push through the massive pivoting door and your senses will continue to be amazed. The entrance to the home abounds with natural light and the infinite views and forest in the backdrop, as the ‘backyard’ of the home is lined with windows from top to bottom. You will find a warm, visitor’s bath at the
entrance with stone fixtures, and textured wallpaper. As you walk towards the social areas of the home, you will be drawn to the unique, glass floors of this space, which allow you to visualize the bar and casual living room on the lower level, straight through the sliding glass doors to the backyard. Moving towards the left of the main floor, you will find a living room, dividing the dining room on the other side with a half wall, hiding a large, flat-screen TV, and access to the terrace, pool, and backyard, on either side through the wall to wall, sliding glass doors. The vaulted ceilings throughout this entire space are lined with natural hardwoods, which, together with the glass in the backdrop, and the marble floors in the social areas, create the perfect combination of finishes for a contemporary, yet warm residence. To the other side of the dining room, the sights, and Smells begin to loom from this one of a kind, chef’s kitchen whose stainless steel double island and appliances truly reflect and exude both the luxury and elegance of this home. The kitchen is equipped with every bell and whistle imaginable, and like the other social areas, boasts direct access to the expansive terrace, pool and football field like yard in the forefront (behind the kitchen, you will find laundry and service as well as a two-car day garage).... From these social areas, it is impossible not to wander outside... the entire home and its design center around not what is inside, but rather on what is outside. No expenses were spared to create a unique, flat land in Villa Real, allowing for an enormous infinity-edge pool, but also a true and impressive yard, which is accented with line and manicured gardens just as the land drops off and the endless views begin. With the natural reserve of Villa Real bordering the home on three sides, an extraordinary sense of privacy, silence, and nature have been created that combine with the view to truly create your own Shangri La. The terrace masterfully combines covered and uncovered spaces for reading, eating, meditating, and of course, entertaining friends and family in and around the pool, jacuzzi, or covered terrace and yard. Host hundreds of your closest friends and family, or share it with your intimate other; however you wish to enjoy it, it is truly irreplaceable.

Back inside towards the entrance of the home, now to the opposite side of the home, you will find a quaint home office perched over the viewing, and as you walk down the hall, you will pass the staircase and elevator accessing the lower levels until you arrive at what can be properly named, the master suite. Lined with hardwood floors, opposite the wood beams on the ceiling, you will first come to a spacious living area and office, which is separated from the bedroom by a half wall, hiding an immaculate bedroom which overlooks one of the most impressive, bedroom views we have been privileged to see. As this side of the home borders the reserve, as well as a severe drop in topography below, the impression that the home is levitating truly elevates the sensation to something so peaceful and inescapable. Just off to the right is an enclosed, yoga or meditation room that is tucked into the lush greenery in the background. Of course, the master bedroom boasts an impressive walk-in closet, and a spa-inspired bathroom. Before heading downstairs, it is important to note that those lucky enough to inhabit the master suite can live and enjoy this once in a lifetime home, on one level... As you walk downstairs (or take the elevator), you will come to a more casual, living room and bar area, which also opens up to the backyard via a large, sliding glass door. As this space is currently accoutred with a collection car, the entire yard boasts inset draining and lining so that cars can be driven on, through or parked upon.

Down
this hallway on the second level, you will find three, en-suite bedrooms each with a private bathroom, walk-in closet, spacious layout, and direct access to the terrace. As this is one level lower, while there are views in the backdrop, these bedrooms enjoy a unique, treehouse sensation as they are surrounded by the forest and provide the ultimate intimate and private setting. If that were not enough, you can go down the lower level of the home and you will come to an area measuring just under 300m², designed currently as a workshop, equipped with the electromechanical provisions to support any and all uses. Currently, it is used as a working garage for rare, high-end collection automobiles, but can be used for virtually any use imaginable. And if, a workshop is not of interest, imagine your own private gym, spa, office, apartment, library, you name it…this area, like the area’s above, also access through sliding glass doors to the outdoors, and vehicles can be driven through the yard and directly into or up to this space, making it extremely practical for any number of uses. The details in the planning and construction of this home, not to mention its finishes, design and overall sense of home, are impossible to truly appreciate without a visit.
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