



BERNARDUS LODGE

**Carmel Valley's Bernardus Lodge:
A Romantic Escape to the Finer Things in Life**
Luxury Accommodations, Award-Winning Dining and a Signature Spa

Nestled in the heart of sunny Carmel Valley with the Santa Lucia Mountains as a picturesque backdrop, Bernardus Lodge opened in August 1999 as a romantic retreat for couples seeking a relaxing getaway in one of California's finest wine growing regions. Founded by winemaker and bon-vivant Bernardus Pon, the resort resembles a classic European country inn featuring 57 suites, a luxurious spa, an award-winning signature restaurant, a wedding pavilion, private event space and its own Bernardus Winery and Vineyard.

"The Lodge is a natural extension of the Bernardus wine experience and Mr. Pon's dream of a resort that combines the simple elegance of fine country living with the high quality of service and luxury amenities found only in the choicest European hotels," said Mike Oprish, Managing Director of Bernardus Lodge.

The Lodge

Upon arrival to Bernardus Lodge, guests are greeted with a glass of wine and invited to relax in a double "parlor" furnished with comfortable spring and down-filled sofas and chairs. In place of a traditional counter and check-in routine, a concierge reviews schedules and itineraries while escorting guests on a tour of the property. The main lodge resembles a French country home, decorated with warm, earthy tones including terra cotta, bittersweet chocolate, ochre and celadon. Hand-plastered walls glazed in rich ochre, rustic heavy-beams, antique wrought iron and copper chandeliers, and limestone fireplaces are informal and inviting.

The resort's luxurious suites are situated in nine, single and two-story adobe village-style buildings ranging in size from 525 to 1875 square feet nestled along a terraced hillside. Stone wood-burning fireplaces serve as the focal point of the sumptuous deluxe king and junior king suites, designed with vaulted beamed ceilings and built-in wine grottos with a different tasting of wine and

cheese on the first night at turndown; complimentary in-room wine and gourmet snack pantries; and fresh flowers. Arched windows and French doors open onto spacious private decks with spectacular mountain vistas.

Special design touches and amenities include antique English armoires with aviary wire doors for clothing; king beds with high wood headboards, feather beds; down comforters with matelassé coverlets and Italian linens; comfortable furnishings in aesthetically pleasing rich wood finishes; and spacious bathrooms with large, two-person tubs, separate showers, and double vanities.

Standard amenities in each guestroom include remote cable television, CD player, coffee maker, tea service, plush robe and slippers, hair dryer and in-room safe. The overall effect provides an ambiance in which guests can relax in both luxury and comfort.

Between the buildings, richly landscaped gardens and courtyards accented with outdoor fireplaces, fountains and stone benches create intimate spaces.

Dining

Guests will quickly discover why the resort's signature restaurant, Marinus, was voted *Zagat's* "One of the Top Bay Area Restaurant" since 2001. The restaurant features California-natural cuisine, created by celebrated Chef Cal Stamenov, featuring local, organic, seasonal produce as well as regional seafood and artisan farmed meats. Stamenov's cooking style lets the foods' natural flavors take center stage, with hand selected produce and herbs from his own organic two-acre garden.

Wines from the resort's own Bernardus Winery and their extensive cellar compliment each course. Marinus received *Wine Spectator* magazine's highly coveted "Grand Award" for its wine cellar in 2001, an honor granted every three years. The cellar houses 1,850 different wines and a total of more than 35,000 premium bottles, including 10,000 bottles from the acclaimed Bernardus Winery & Vineyard.

While dining at Marinus, guests can enjoy magnificent garden and mountain views. Continuing in its European design, the focal point of the restaurant is a stunning, 12-foot-wide European fireplace with a raised hearth. French doors lead onto a terrace and a central Bacchus table, made of rustic timbers as the serving table for the wines.

For guests seeking a more casual atmosphere, the resort also offers Wickets Bistro, a cozy venue perfect for a casual meal or beverage. Guests can dine indoors, where memorabilia from

Holland native Pon's racecar driving and Olympic feats are on display, or outdoors under an expansive trellis overlooking the resorts croquet lawn.

The Spa at Bernardus

The Spa at Bernardus is a tranquil retreat where guests can choose from an extensive menu of seasonal treatments designed to relax and rejuvenate. The 5,300-square-foot, full-service facility includes eight treatment rooms and a warming room with a double-sided river stone fireplace and comfortable seating to unwind in between treatments. A private spa patio offers a cozy dipping pool, a waterfall reflecting pool and comfortable lounge chairs to relax in the sun.

Of the seven treatment rooms, four are dedicated to massage and body, two to facial and one as a private steam room with Vichy shower. Additional spa amenities include a fitness room, juice bar, a selection of whole fruits, organic teas and signature smoothies, a meditation garden, and men's and women's locker rooms with eucalyptus steam and sauna rooms.

Signature treatments include the *Harvest Crush Exfoliation and Massage*; *Bernardus Garden Facial*; and the *Loving Luxury Aromatherapy Bath* for couples in the outdoor tub garden. The Spa at Bernardus also offers a complete salon with beauty, nail, and hair care services.

Distinctive Meeting, Banquet and Wedding Facilities and Services

Bernardus Lodge can accommodate groups of 10 to 200 for retreats, meetings and special events with more than 4,000 square feet of indoor flexible meeting and banquet space and 5,000 square feet of beautifully landscaped outdoor space. Each of the resort's four function rooms is distinctive and offers diverse layouts and meeting facilities. The 2,160-square-foot Meritage Ballroom can seat up to 150 and is perfect for weddings and banquets. Harvest Room can seat up to 50 people and includes a demonstration kitchen ideal for culinary and viticultural education or an exhibition dinner and wine tasting. The 450-square-foot Semillon Suite attaches to two deluxe guest rooms and seats up to 14 people, including a professional kitchen, flat screen television, and outdoor terrace, perfect for board meetings or as a hospitality area. Magnum Boardroom is a 288-square-foot venue, with a round walnut table and plush chairs, ideal for a formal meeting or dinner for up to 12 people.

Group dining options include Marinus and the off-site Wills Fargo Dining House & Saloon, located in nearby Carmel Valley Village, also operated by the resort.

For wedding ceremonies and outdoor cocktail receptions, Bernardus Lodge offers a two-acre landscaped garden setting. The Meritage Ballroom is an ideal space for more formal wedding

banquets with seating for up to 150 guests. A maximum of one wedding is held at the resort per day. Offsite catering and a professional catering consultant are available for private parties and dinner.

Recreation

Recreational facilities capitalize on Carmel Valley's year-round warm, sunny weather. The resort has two tennis courts, a croquet lawn, bocce court, and an outdoor, heated lap-length swimming pool.

For golfers, play a round of golf at one of 19 championship courses, located a few miles away. Hiking and horseback riding on 4,400 acres of mountain trails; biking; diving; whale watching; deep-sea fishing; and kayaking and scuba diving excursions in Monterey Bay can also be arranged.

Easy Accessibility

Bernardus Lodge is easily accessible by air. The property is 20 minutes from Monterey Peninsula Airport and a one and a half-hour drive from the San Jose Airport. Carmel-by-the-Sea is just 15 minutes away.

Many of the Monterey Peninsula's most well-known attractions and landmarks are close to the resort. These include Carmel Valley Village, known for its wine tasting and antiques; Carmel-by-the-Sea, for its beaches, art galleries and boutiques; Carmel Mission Basilica, established in 1770 by Father Junipero Sera and still in use today; Point Lobos State Reserve, a wildlife sanctuary two miles south of Carmel; the Monterey Bay Aquarium, considered one of the finest in the world; Cannery Row, the subject of the classic John Steinbeck novel; 17-Mile Drive, a winding road with spectacular coastline views; the Lone Cypress, the most photographed tree in the world; and Big Sur, the dramatic coastline 23 miles south of Carmel.

Additional information on Bernardus Lodge and reservations can be made by calling 888-648-9463 or online at www.bernardus.com.

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