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WINE COUNTRY SPANISH ESTATE

SONOMA, CA

FIRM / ROBERT BAUMANN ARCHITECT

PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS / ROBERT BAUMANN

PROJECT TYPE / RESIDENTIAL

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Old-world Spanish style lives on in this new-world home. To get the look just right, architect Robert Baumann chose salvaged roof tiles, heavy timbers, authentic stones, and forged iron as the home's base materials. He then hired artisans and craftsman to work them into traditional Spanish architectural elements, such as brick barrel vaults and home's impressive central rotunda. The house is so meticulously stylized that it's hard to tell that it's a new build, which Baumann says, was the driving force behind the design. "The owner was supportive of being true to the old-world Spanish style. He chose to do it right and it shows." ■





The owner, who "has been known to spin a good yarn," has fabricated the home's entire history. "He fascinates guests with stories of how the house was restored from ruins of one of General Vallejo's forts from the mid-1800s," Baumann says. "I'd believe it myself if I didn't know better!"







PROJECT CREDITS

Sonoma Mission Gardens



Built snugly around the property's old oak trees, the Mission residence is literally a tree-hugging home. "The Oaks are a very important feature in this project," David Fazzio, President of Sonoma Gardens says. "There were a couple of walls that needed to be moved or adjusted to have less of an impact on the Oak tree roots." Their design protected the old oaks and integrated them in a way that all nature-lovers can appreciate.