

# 805

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# FROM SCHOOLHOUSE TO FARMHOUSE



When converting a one-room schoolhouse built circa 1890 into a vacation rental home, Jennifer Tesoriero chose to leave the burn marks on the Douglas fir floorboards, where a potbelly stove once stood. She also left a chin-up bar in the backyard. The Paso Robles school served children until the early 1940s and Tesoriero wanted to honor its history. “People rode their horses and carriages to the school and kids were dropped off, or they walked for miles and miles, kind of like *Little House on the Prairie*,” she says.

Now a two-bedroom, two-bath, 1,060-square-foot home that accommodates six, the **Summit Schoolhouse** ([vrbo.com/618962](http://vrbo.com/618962) or [airbnb.com/rooms/13157165](http://airbnb.com/rooms/13157165); from \$300) is located 13 miles from downtown Paso Robles. The house is set on two acres with walnut trees, lavender bushes, a redwood porch with wicker chairs facing Peachy Canyon Road, and a bocce court and fire pit in back. Inside, the rooms have 11-foot ceilings, which create an airy atmosphere. The kitchen has a modern farmhouse feel with original board and batten walls, stainless-steel appliances, and Edison light bulbs above a marble countertop island wrapped in 100-year-old redwood that was reclaimed from the schoolhouse’s original back wall.



The reimagined 19th-century Summit Schoolhouse in Paso Robles is now a wine country-close vacation-rental home (top, left) with two bedrooms, two baths, a great room, and a new-school kitchen (above).

Up to 10 guests can settle into the hilltop Rancho Maroma estate for panoramic views of the Santa Ynez Valley.



## WINE COUNTRY HIDEAWAY

Set on 20 acres overlooking the Santa Ynez Valley, the contemporary Mediterranean **Rancho Maroma** ([santaynezvacationrentals.com/properties/rancho-maroma](http://santaynezvacationrentals.com/properties/rancho-maroma); from \$1,100 per night) is an ideally located base for exploring area wineries or just staying on site to hike trails through the property’s green acreage dotted with mature oaks.

“We offer unique stays and specialize in ranch experiences for a very private and personalized experience, as opposed to a hotel with large occupancy,” says Taylor Lockhart of Santa Ynez Vacation Rentals, which offers concierge services like grocery delivery and private chef and babysitting recommendations.

Designed by Santa Barbara architect Robert Mehl, the house, with five-bedrooms, three-and-a-half-baths, a pool, a hot tub, and a Santa Maria-style barbecue, can host 10. While it features Old World-design elements like an outdoor courtyard and a fireplace, it was built to be eco-friendly. The interior

has energy-efficient insulating paint, adobe plaster absorbs energy from the sun to radiate heat when it’s cold, and solar panels provide 50 percent of the house’s power. >

**HOT TIP** Luxury Retreats has just launched **Last Call** ([exclusives.luxuryretreats.com/last-call](http://exclusives.luxuryretreats.com/last-call)), which lists vacation villas at discounts of up to 40 percent. Listings change every six weeks and include homes close to the 805 as well as distant locales such as Costa Rica, Thailand, and the Maldives. Acquired by Airbnb in February, Luxury Retreats offers concierge service with its rentals. New Last Call listings are posted weekly.