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Retreat to Naramata

Waterfront home for sale for \$2.8 million

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NARAMATA, B.C.

As winter fades into memory, it's time to start pondering how to spend the warm summer months.

Few places have the draw of Naramata, B.C., a village of 2,000 that is tucked into a quiet pocket of Okanagan paradise.

Naramata is a place of clear water, dry, desert-like surroundings, fragrant pines, orchards and world-class wineries. And for those lured by its unique landscape and abundant opportunities for physical activity, a waterfront home awaits.

Around the corner from the Naramata Inn—a 95-year-old hotel with a great restaurant—is a summer retreat that would make most people salivate.

"This house is timeless and elegant," says Christa Frosch, the listing agent for the \$2.8-million home on behalf of Sotheby's International Realty Canada.

"When you are sitting in the living room you are viewing the water, so you feel like you are on the water. Every room looks onto the lake. The kitchen is open-concept so when you're cooking and entertaining, you are also looking at the water."

The 10-year-old house was designed and built by SanMarc Custom Homes.

"Rick Jaheny designs and inspires the homes. He has had the same team for 17 years—the same trades. His work is the most exceptional I've seen in the Okanagan. It's inspiring."

Looking at the home, one can see that views were the major design consideration.

With a raised patio, green grass patch, private beach and firepit, the house is set in a backdrop of rolling Okanagan hills and Naramata benchlands that drop into the deep water.

The two-bedroom, two-bathroom bungalow features a private entry court full of greenery and flowers, with the design of the house incorporating natural elements such as



Curves and high ceilings lend an open, airy feel to the entryway.

stone and light wood.

"Sometimes when builders are doing colour schemes they go with what is hot, but (SanMarc) realizes that each home has a different story," says Frosch. "And this home's story is perfect for the waterfront."

The current owners represent one of the original Pentiction families. The couple enjoyed their home, with celebrations and parties that sometimes included as many as 150 guests. But Frosch said the owners feel drawn to move east to be near to their growing grandchildren.

The area provides potential buyers access to the Apex ski area, a 20-minute drive from downtown Pentiction. There are lots of golf courses in the area as well as orchards and vineyards.

The last stop on a popular wine tour, Naramata has 19 wineries, some of which have won international awards for their quality. Kelowna's airport has meant convenient flight connections for Okanagan residents, making the area accessible to international visitors as well.

Time takes on an entirely different pace here. Stress dissolves into the clear waters of Okanagan Lake.

Frosch points out that "the lake is like glass sometimes, and when the light shines on mountains they can appear pink and purple."

For more information on this home and others in the area, contact Christa Frosch at 1-877-236-8800 or cfrosch@sothebysrealty.ca.



This two-bedroom summer retreat is set in the Okanagan hills and has views of Okanagan Lake.

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The front entrance is inviting.



The dining area affords fabulous views.

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