



SANTA LUCIA PRESERVE



**THE PRESERVE GOLF CLUB AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS HONOR
RANKED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S 100 GREATEST COURSES**

Carmel, Calif. (Feb. 14, 2017) – Regarded as a perfect blend of golf and nature, The Preserve Golf Club at Santa Lucia Preserve again has been ranked among “America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses” by *Golf Digest* magazine, maintaining its position among the most prestigious golf courses in the country.

The magazine’s biennial ranking of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses – considered the gold standard of awards in the golf community – lists The Preserve Golf Club at No. 92, based on the results of official course raters. Ratings are based on criteria that emphasizes (in order) shot values, resistance to scoring, design variety, memorability, aesthetics, conditioning and ambience. It is one of only 11 courses from California among the top 100 for the 2017-2018 rankings.

“We are pleased to be recognized as one of the premier golf courses in the United States,” said John Pietro, the Director of Golf at The Preserve. “Only the best of the best make this list, so congratulations to all the courses that have earned Golf Digest’s highest honor.”

Designed by Tom Fazio in 2000, the Preserve Golf Club is the centerpiece of a private community of only 300 home sites situated on 20,000 acres in the scenic coastal mountains next to Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

Already renowned for its majestic vistas and superb, fast greens, the Preserve Golf Club in 2016 underwent a significant renovation that included installing brand new Santa Ana bermudagrass fairways, remodeling the course's bunkers, and adding several new tees. The result has been firmer, faster and consistently superior playing surfaces with enhanced shot-making alternatives and even more dramatic views. "In terms of strategy, aesthetics and conditioning, the Preserve has never been better," said Pietro.

Raters' comments about The Preserve Golf Club reflected an appreciation for Fazio's work, the setting, and agronomic improvements.

"Clearly a significant effort went into the routing, and the result is one of the most memorable series of holes and challenges," one rater said.

"It's a special piece of property, amazing within the sprawling hills, and the golf course flows well with the land," said another. "Wonderful green sites set into the hillsides and in the valleys."

"Really in spectacular shape," said another. "And the amount of wildlife ... is a reminder you're in a nature preserve."

The Preserve is a private community carefully crafted into an expansive wilderness setting in the Santa Lucia Mountains, where residents are devoted to the founders' mission of habitat conservation. It is the only community in America with a perpetually endowed nature conservancy.

Besides golf, The Preserve is rich with community amenities and activities, including 100-miles of hiking and biking trails, full-service equestrian center, an excellent sports, fitness and aquatic center, and an exceptional array of family and member opportunities for fun and adventure.

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