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Escapes

BREAKING GROUND

The Orchard At the Carneros Inn

WHAT Shared residences at a wine country resort.

WHERE Napa, Calif.

AMENITIES Access to a spa and swimming pools, among others.

PRICES Shares from just under \$300,000.

STATUS Nearly half the cottages have been completed to this point, with the rest expected soon.

DEVELOPERS PlumpJack Group and Carneros Holdings.

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DETAILS The Carneros Inn opened in late 2003 on 27 acres at the southern end of the Napa Valley not far east of the Sonoma County line. Named for the wine-growing region in which it sits, the resort is managed by the PlumpJack Group, founded by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom. There have been two dozen full-ownership houses built at the resort, and now this fractional-ownership project, the Orchard, is being added. It consists of 17 two-bedroom cottages sold in one-tenth shares. Owners will be able to use their units three weeks a year, with more time granted depending on availability. The cottages are sold furnished, with details like cherry-wood floors, wood-burning fireplaces and Frette linens, as well as private decks and courtyards with outdoor showers and whirlpools. All the resort's amenities will be open to owners — an infinity pool overlooking vineyards, a lap pool lined with cabanas, another



pool for children and a fitness center with studios for yoga and pilates. The spa offers treatments that use ingredients from local vineyards and farms, including chardonnay grapes, olive oil and goat butter. There are three restaurants, one of which is open only to owners and guests, and meals are also served in the cottages. The airports in San Francisco and Oakland are about an hour away.

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