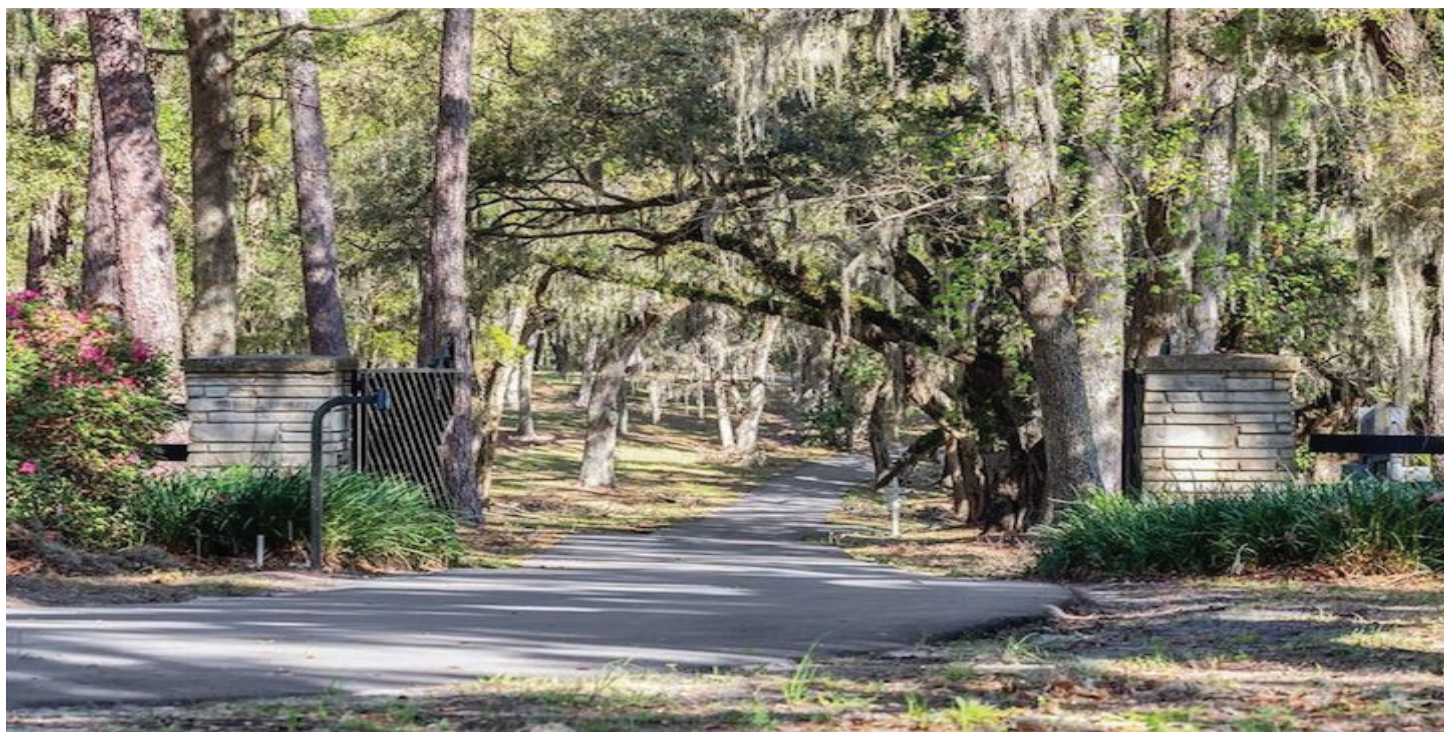


This working olive farm for sale in Ocala is even more beautiful than you'd expect



Located on its own 366 rural acres, this private retreat brings "social distancing" to a rustic – and quite fancy – new level. Surrounded by rows of live trees straight out of Greece, Italy or Spain, when you're on the property you won't believe you're still in Ocala. The luxurious, gated ranch features a three-story, pod-style main house originally built in 1989. The residence has 8,036 square feet of living space, with eight bedrooms and nine-and-a-half bathrooms. Throw in a pool, hot tub and gazebo, and it's the perfect estate for entertaining. The house also has an attached one-car garage, with detached one-car and two-car garages. It has two fireplaces, plus decks and porches galore.

As it is a working farm, there's a three-bedroom, two-bath farm manager's residence, and a one-horse barn with 17 stalls, along with two hay barns, a feed barn with enclosed workshop, two storage barns and a cattle lab building. The farm has a three-person, on-site staff to maintain the property. The bank foreclosed on the property after the family patriarch passed away, according to Realtor.com.

There's also a two-story office building. It's all to harvest and market the fruits of the 25-acre olive grove, which has about 10,000 trees. There's even a climate-controlled, 2,500-square-foot olive mill, built in 2015. A storage and wine cellar barn was added to the property in 2012.

Included and serene, this one-of-a-kind \$11.9 million house (https://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/9501-W-Highway-326-Ocala_FL_34482_M68756-13384#photo0) is jointly listed by John Pinel of Premier Sotheby's International Realty and Maury L. Carter & Associates.

"I think it was designed so that the family could all get together, and each family could have their own area of the house without being on top of each other," said Pinel. "These properties up in Ocala are pretty unique properties. These are not properties where someone buys them with the expectations of running businesses like cattle or olive oil or anything else and is going to make a profit. These are more like trophy properties for these ultra-rich people that love land that want to say they own a property in Ocala."

This will give some lucky Florida family a golden piece of that ever-shrinking, exclusive Ocala countryside.

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