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## The Vineyard at Mediterraneo



ocal developer and Westlake Village Inn owner, John L. Notter, proudly opened 'The Vineyard' on Westlake Village Inn's seventeen-acre grounds recently. The concept of planting a working vineyard on the land adjacent to his award-winning restaurant, Mediterraneo, became a reality - and an opportunity for Mr. Notter to share his passion for great food in a warm, authentic environment. The Vineyard has all the characteristics and beauty reminiscent of the vineyards that Mr. Notter's family had in Europe, and it will also provide wines worthy of any gourmet table.

More than 800 tons of rich topsoil were trucked to and incorporated into the site. A wire vine trellis system was constructed to allow the grape vines to grow bi-laterally and vertically across the

wires. Special soil amendments were added to help promote and enhance the careful generation of the young vines. The Master Vintner, Bob Kelly from Pacific Ridge Vineyards, then meticulously planted more than five hundred grape vines including Cabernet, Cabernet Franc and Syrah varieties. Rose bushes were planted at the end of each wine row to help identify any early problems with the young vines, and also to add to the beauty of the site.

A custom fountain, hand carved from imported stone, serves as a distinctive anchor at the corner of the vineyard. It rises eight feet into the air, and is surrounded by a basin more than twenty feet in radius. This one-of-a-kind water feature will produce 187,000 gallons of cascading water each day, and serves as a striking community landmark. www.med-rest.com

