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## Rene Rivkin-built riverfront cabin back on the market for more than \$5 million



The riverfront luxury property at 5501 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer, is asking for more than \$5 million. **Supplied**

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Late high-profile stockbroker Rene Rivkin's 10-acre (4.06 hectare) riverfront cabin "Sentry Rock" on the banks of Sydney's Hawkesbury River is back on the market, this time at an asking price of above \$5 million.

Mr Rivkin built the decadent home with six bedrooms at 5501 Wisemans Ferry Road, Spencer, 20 years ago. The latest sellers, Bob Lapointe and his wife Wendy, are the second owners since the home was sold following Mr Rivkin's death in 2005.

When they bought it in late 2011, they paid \$1.45 million.

Since then, they have spared no expense in bumping up the Appalachian-style lodge into a luxurious spread through extensive renovations.

The main residence is a master craftsman-built Cypress Log structure with cathedral ceilings and two separate bedroom wings.



Crackling fire, soft armchairs and not a sound for miles. **Supplied**

All six bedrooms, four with ensuites, are on one floor and each has a view of bushland and river. Sentry Rock itself, a landmark on the estate, was believed to be used by Captain Arthur Phillip as he explored the Hawkesbury in the 1700s.

Ray White Windsor's Peter Chidgey, who is marketing the property, said: "The owners have transformed the three-bedroom house into a six-bedroom masterpiece that includes features you couldn't find anywhere else. I've honestly never seen anything like it before and there is nothing that comes even close to it on the market today."

The Lapointes have added an additional wing, a downstairs living area with a fireplace, wine cellar, and a whirlpool bath area.

The gardens surrounding the property have a lily pond, a man-made cascading waterfall, a World War II munitions barge on the river used for mooring boats and an outdoor entertaining area.



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Mr Chidgey said Mr Rivkin used the barge to moor a boat, but now it is used as an outdoor dining area in summer.

There are no close neighbours to the private property, which also boasts a separate studio and a double garage.

Sixty kilometres north-west of Sydney's CBD, the property is close to the Wisemans Ferry Retreat Golf Course and is a short drive to the Riverside Oaks course.

The Lapointes are understood to be moving back to their other property on the river, the picturesque Muskoka Farm.

Bob Lapointe is a Canadian who came to Australia when he was 26 and found fame introducing fast food to Australia including Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut and Sizzler.

Later he became known also for his prolific horse racing and ownership.

The property will be sold via auction.



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