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# Dream Homes for Golfers and Wine Lovers

Communities that are tailored to bons vivants looking for world-class chipping and sipping in beautiful settings.



Toscana Resort Castellalfi in the Tuscan hills of Italy is a 3,700-acre retreat that includes vineyards, olive groves, lakes and woodlands. Homeowners can adopt a row of grape vines or an olive grove to receive personalized bottles of wine or olive oil refined at the on-site organic Winery. Toscana Resort Castellalfi

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If your idea of a dream home includes a combination of golf, nature, quality architecture and fine wine, there are master-planned communities around the world offering the best of all four.

“Some of the top golf clubs in the world also have some of the finest wine cellars,” said Greg Nathan, chief business officer of the [National Golf Foundation](#).

Perhaps the combination shouldn’t be a surprise: The British Open’s coveted trophy is in the shape of a claret jug after all — traditionally used to serve Bordeaux wine in the 19th century. And top golfers like Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Ernie Els, David Frost and Luke Donald all have their own wine labels, said Paul T. Stringer, president of [Nicklaus Design](#).

Here is a selection of lifestyle-driven communities tailored to bons vivants looking for world-class chipping and sipping in breathtaking settings.

## Italy

Set in the Tuscan hills where the Medici family used to holiday, [Toscana Resort Castelfalfi](#) offers a taste of la dolce vita. The fertile 2,700-acre retreat is a patchwork of vineyards, olive groves, lakes and woodlands centered on a medieval village of stone structures outfitted with modern amenities.

“Unlike other golf-driven communities, this doesn’t have a suburban feel,” said Marco Boni, a homeowner who lives in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.



Toscana Resort Castelfalfi is centered on a medieval village of stone structures. Toscana Resort Castelfalfi

Six sites for villas overlooking the golf course start at 1.7 million euros (about \$2 million) for a 2,580-square-foot property. New constructions (a rarity in Tuscany) must adhere to strict green-building codes. For those looking for a fixer-upper, 14 additional farmhouse ruins, some dating to the 15th century, are scattered throughout the property and are available for restoration. Refurbishment (conducted through the resort) costs about €740 per square foot. (Homeowners' resort fees start at €4,000 per year.)

Two hillside golf courses span about 32,000 square feet across varied terrain. Designed by Wilfried Moroder and Rainer Preissmann, the 18-hole Mountain Course tests veteran golfers while the nine-hole Lake Course caters to beginners.

“If I didn’t play golf, I’d walk the course every day because the views are so visually arresting,” said Tim Wade, a homeowner who lives in London.

To enjoy the literal fruits of Tuscany, homeowners can adopt a row of grape vines or an olive grove to receive personalized bottles of wine or extra-virgin olive oil refined at the on-site organic winery. Homeowners also have exclusive access to wine tours, tastings and discounts on the resort’s various wine labels.