

Coming Home to La Casa at Encanterra

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If the kitchen is the heart of the home, then the world-class dining at Encanterra's new private club, La Casa, must make members fall in love over and over.



Even with the vast variety of top-notch Valley dining to choose from, [Encanterra's](#) culinary options make it easy for residents to stay home at La Casa.

La Casa's premier restaurant, Bistro 1528, commands attention upon arrival to the maître d's podium. The entrance of the restaurant, a wall of spice drawers with braided rope handles, seems transported from the early 16th century. At first sight, guests of the bistro are consumed with curiosity as to what the contents of each drawer could be. The story behind the statement wall is connected to the year 1528, when the trade of spices between the Old World and Columbus's new world began. In some ways, the cuisine of Bistro 1528 reflects an international trade scene through the use of exotic flavors, with an emphasis on Mediterranean fare.



The restaurant itself offers up plenty of places to enjoy a meal created by Executive Chef Ed Neiman. Just one example is the popular chef's table set directly within the kitchen, providing a behind-the-scenes view of the action. The up-close-and-personal setting provides for interaction with the executive chef and his staff, who assist with pairing recommendations and cater to the whims of their guests. Add to that private outdoor dining adjacent to the main bistro, semi-private alcoves outfitted with curtains for intimate dining, a hip lobby lounge and the energetic ambiance of the Bistro's main dining room, and you'll find that Bistro 1528 is really like having six restaurants in one visually stunning package.



For momentous occasions or entertaining out-of-towners, The Vault is the place to celebrate. A private dining room with an impressive adjacent wine storage area, The Vault is one of the most luxurious ways to enjoy a several course meal among fourteen of your best friends. The brick-inlaid barreled ceiling adds a dramatic old-world elegance contrasted by the playful and modern sophistication of a chandelier adorned with forks and spoons. A custom dining experience can be crafted in The Vault with the assistance of Bistro 1528's experienced pros.

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Either before or after a meal at Bistro 1528, members can enjoy appetizers and cocktails at Apps & Après, Encanterra's cozy bar lounge that serves up tapas dishes and beer on tap. The U-shaped bar combines the luster of granite with the intrigue of imbedded wine bottles fragments. Apps & Après is the place to unwind at the end of a work week, or heck, even a work day and catch up on the day's scores.

For a quick bite on the go or an alternative to a morning fast food run, Explorations Café and News acts as Encanterra's resort-style coffee house and newsstand. Featuring periodicals from around the country and sleek computer terminals, checking the day's news online or the old-fashioned way is a great way for residents to start their day.



If the elaborate dining at [Encanterra](#) whets your appetite to get into the kitchen yourself, La Cocina awaits. A gathering kitchen for food demonstrations or parties, La Cocina is a gourmet's dream kitchen and a space where your inner-TV chef gets some airtime. No joke here, La Cocina is surrounded by a subtle audio-visual system equipped to showcase any chef's skills. The comfortable seating and generous dining table all open onto La Casa's back patio with views of the Superstitions shimmering in the distance.

To learn more about Encanterra, a Trilogy Country Club in the South East Valley visit www.encanterra.com. Each of the 12 model homes at Encanterra are Shea Green Certified™ and are available with solar generation systems and a host of energy efficiency features. Encanterra offers discerning buyers stunning luxury at a refreshing price point, with homes starting in the mid \$100s.