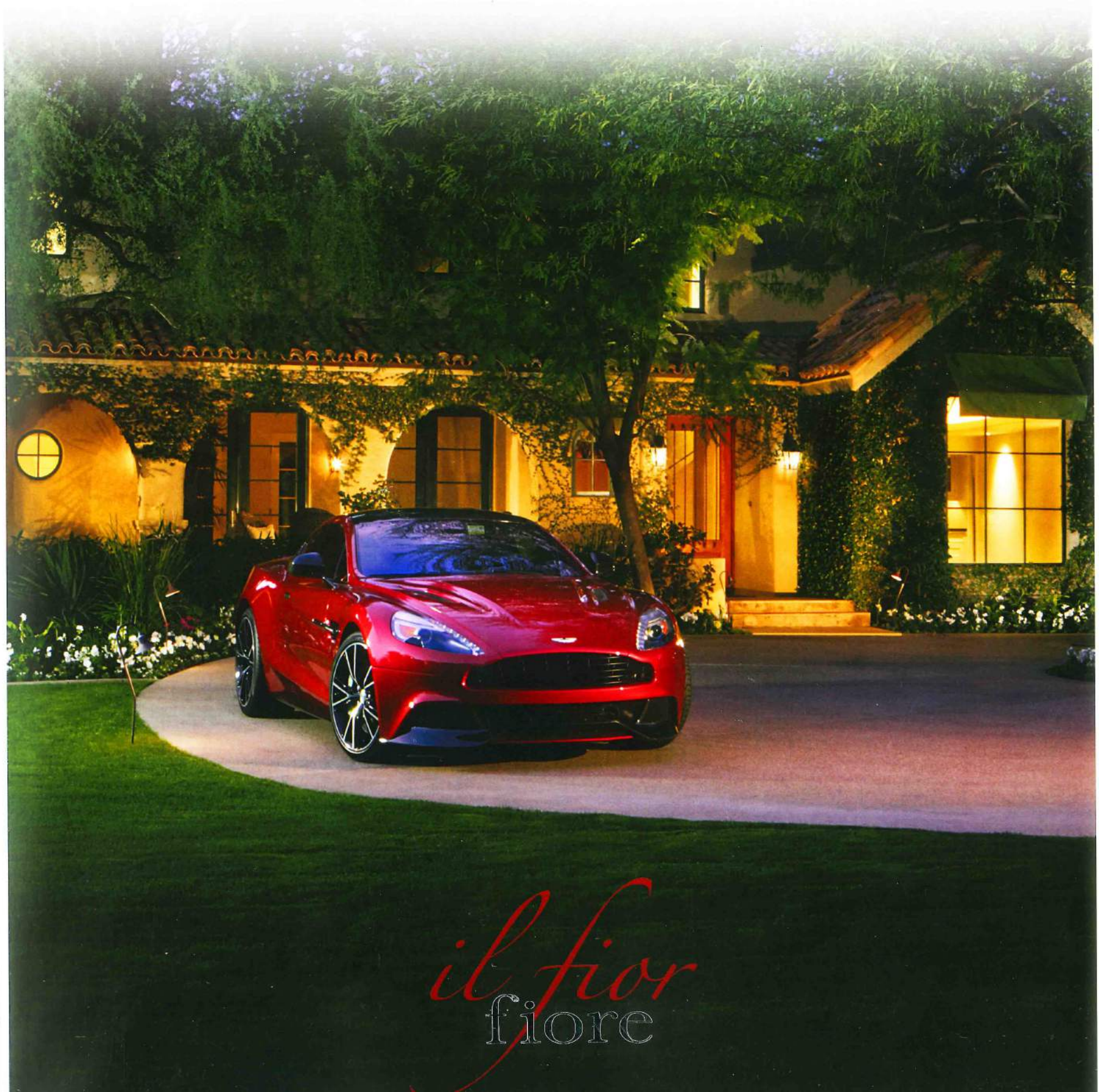


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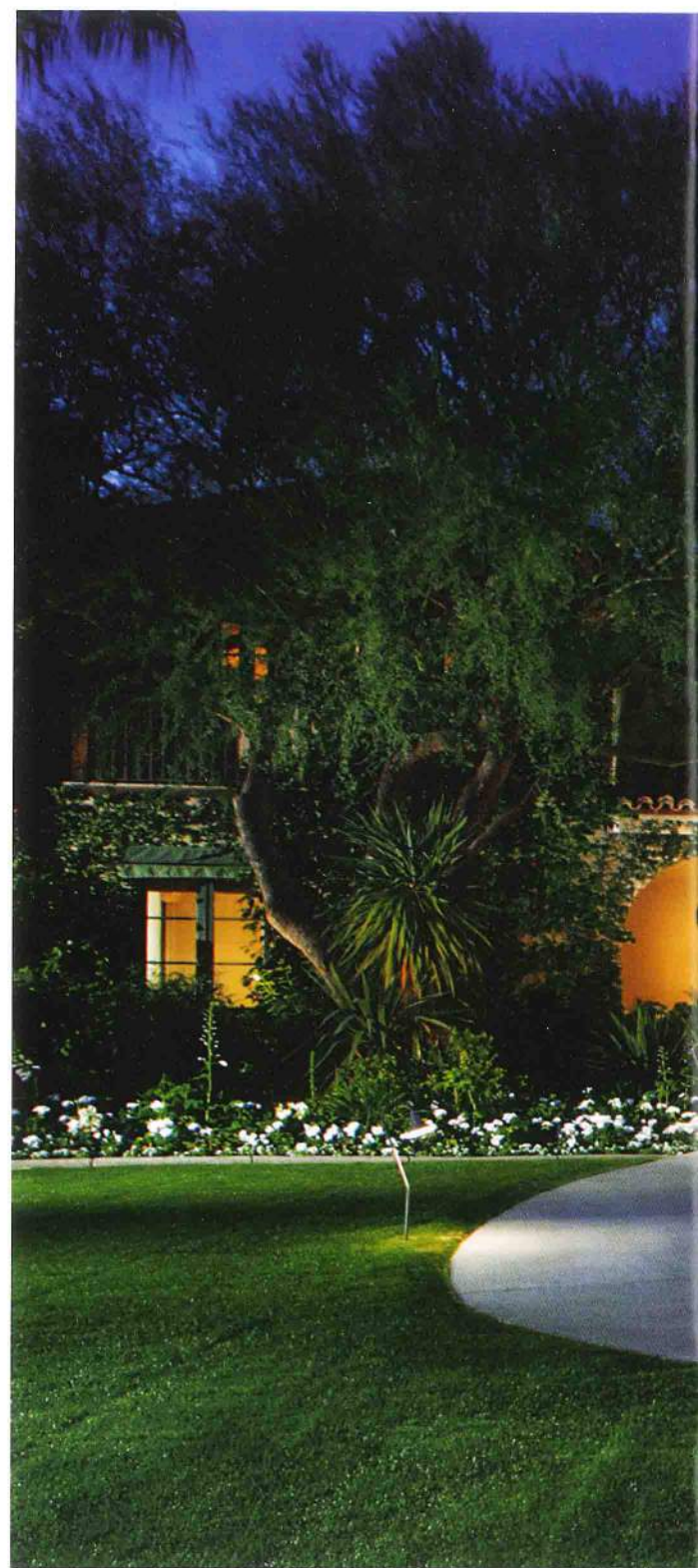


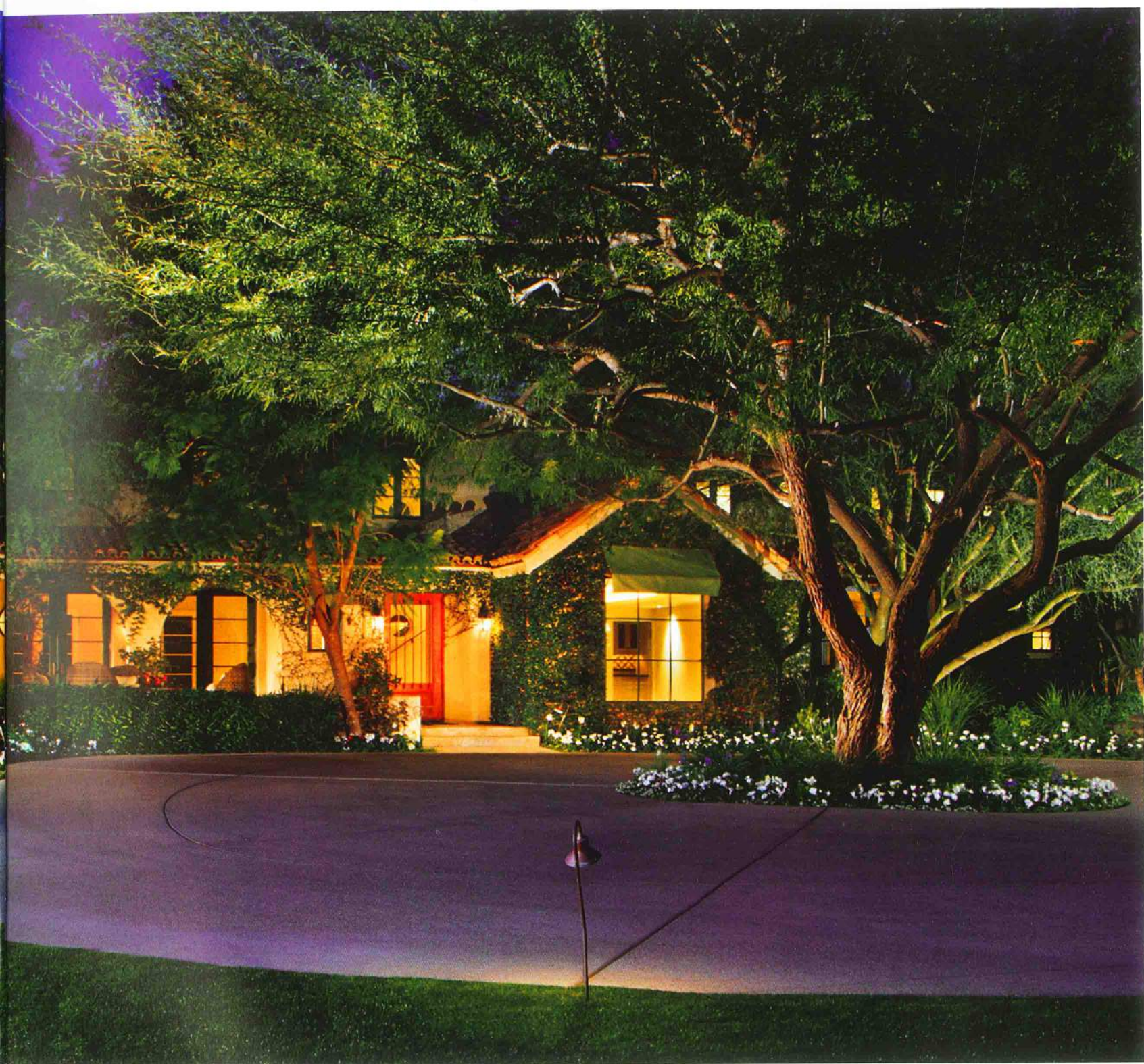
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CASA BLANCA, *Camelback, Classic*

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TIMELESSNESS, SERENITY, INTIMACY: THIS 7,267-SQUARE-FOOT ESTATE IS LUSHLY APPOINTED WITH 2.25 ACRES OF CHATEAUX LANDSCAPING IN THE HIGHLY DESIRED CASA BLANCA NEIGHBORHOOD OF PARADISE VALLEY, A WALK FROM SCOTTSDALE FASHION SQUARE AND DOWNTOWN'S ENTERTAINMENT, SHOPPING AND DINING. TO THE WEST, CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN IS FRAMED BY VIEWS FROM THE TWO-LEVEL HOME — AS IF THE LANDMARK HAD BEEN MAGICALLY PLACED THERE AS PART OF THE DESIGN.



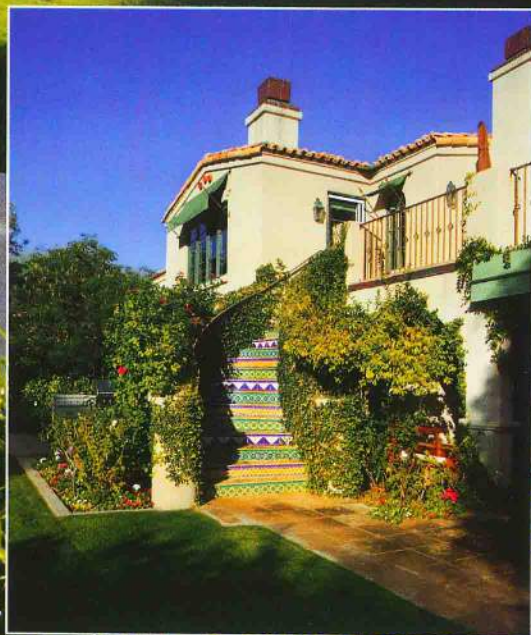




Formality isn't stuffy or showy. The formal living and dining rooms offer, respectively, high and low ceilings for varying entertaining scenes. In the living room, a finished concrete staircase leads past a quartered circular window to the private areas of the home. Surprises are inspiring throughout the home: Beneath the stairway, for instance, is a cozy walk-in bar and wine room – not the storage room you expected.









SEDUCTIVE SIMPLICITY

The real magic of this five bedroom, six and one half bathroom sanctuary is the mastery of Scottsdale architect George W. Christensen, FAIA, (1929-2003), a former visiting professor of architecture at Arizona State University and Phoenix Home & Garden Master of the Southwest. The also-distinguished Scottsdale builder, Desert Star, magnificently realized the late architect's savvy fusion of American Santa Barbara and European styles in 1999.

Unostentatious but classically elegant, the home includes two 800-square-foot stand-alone structures: a one-bedroom casita, with a full kitchen and tub, and an office/game room that flexes to your lifestyle for entertaining and business. Four garage spaces adjoin a generous parking area just beyond the dramatic circular drive leading from the gated/doorred street entry.

Understated elegance combines with delight in the art of living. The media room, for example, features modular furniture for relaxation with friends and family, not stadium seating for ticketholders. And, at the second floor landing, a quiet reading nook leads to the lady's office and library, where an arched-door Juliet balcony overlooks the light-suffused living room.

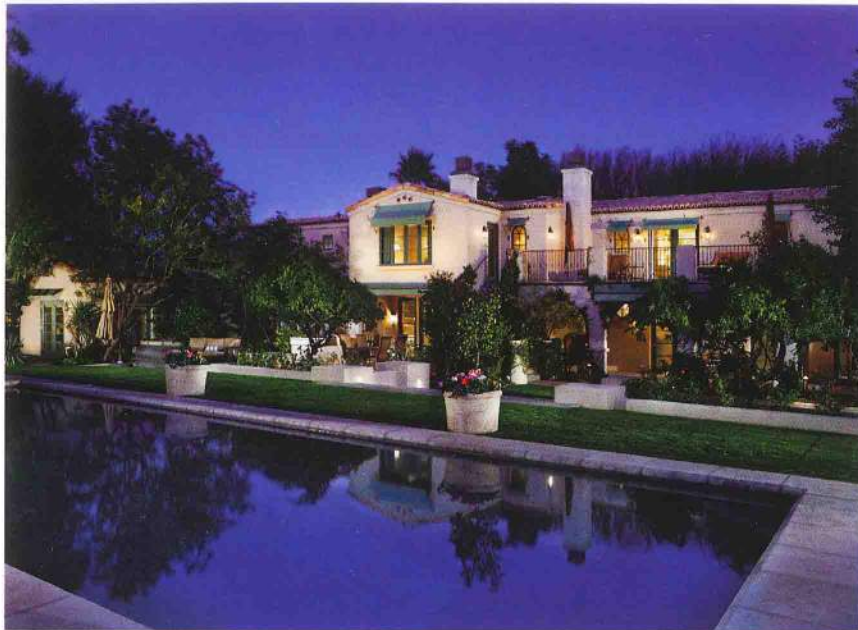
Details are everywhere: decorative scored concrete floors, cool and low maintenance; wrought-iron work; oak plank flooring; skylights;

Douglas fir beams and plank ceilings; crown moldings; gas fireplaces; niches for electronics and collectibles; French doors. Dual-pane windows and mechanical sun shades provide energy efficiency and the capacity to fine-tune your seasonal comfort.

Outside are lifestyle enhancements such as a heated diving pool and spa; koi pond, with one of the home's many relaxing seating vignettes; gazebo; paddle tennis court and sport court; private patios; children's play area; and built-in barbecue.

One of the three former homeowners was a professional chef: This is a home prepared for entertaining. The intimate kitchen, centering on a French country granite-topped island, features four Viking ovens, white cabinetry and cobalt-blue and black tile work. A pantry, breakfast bar and breakfast room are adjoining, the latter looking up toward Camelback Mountain for morning inspiration few will experience.

The master suite is sumptuous, in particular, the separate bathrooms and walk-in closets for each partner, providing amenities such as a designer jetted tub, sit-down make-up area and full-length dress closet. From its second-story patio, a stair winds down to the swimming, recreation areas and arboretum-level grounds, just ready for parties and special events.



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