

Nelson Peak

NATURE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD

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No matter how many times I visit, Silver Ridge always has something to surprise and delight me. And as I arrive at the brand new display home for Nelson Peak, the community's newest neighbourhood, I discover the surprises start right at the front door — literally.

STYLE AND CHARM

"Nelson Peak has all new floor plans, all new finishes, and all new exterior design so it's like nothing else you've seen before at Silver Ridge," says Sue Rutledge, Portrait's vice president of sales and marketing, opening the eight-foot Craftsman-style front door. It's as tall as an average apartment ceiling and the perfect visual counterpoint to the soaring two-storey foyer. Talk about a dramatic sense of arrival.

When we step into the great room, I finally give up attempting to write notes and simply let out a long, deep sigh of sheer appreciation. Filled with sunshine, this is an entertainer's paradise.

The kitchen officially ranks the affectionate descriptor of 'humungous' and has a centre island that's practically begging for guests to arrive with seating on two sides. "And you won't see these anywhere else yet," Sue says pointing to the industrial-chic KitchenAid oven. "A



brand new model that's not even released to the general market yet."

Before we head upstairs, I take a peek at the backyard's covered patio — an outdoor living room with gas fireplace in a floor-to-ceiling ledgestone surround, rustic chandelier, outdoor sofa and armchairs — everything I need to enjoy al fresco relaxation in any weather.

"This is definitely my retreat," Sue says when we arrive at the vaulted master suite. Instantly I find I'm nodding in agreement. I finally manage to tear myself away from the dazzling, unobstructed valley view spread out below and check out the ensuite. Another showstopper with floating glass vanity, frameless glass shower, dual sinks, and for that extra touch of sheer elegance, a freestanding tub. Sue grins as she hops into the tub to prove this magnificent beauty easily accommodates her five-foot-nine height with space to spare. For a 'shortie' like me, this would be heavenly.

CREATIVE IDEAS

Clearly the Portrait team also had fun with some of the creative displays in the two showhomes. Here a hint: outdoor chessboard and full height wine-wall. To get the full effect though, you'll have to check it out for yourself.

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The Nelson Peak showhome is open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays at 22850 – 136th Avenue in Maple Ridge. Prices start in the mid \$500,000s for single-family homes and mid \$400,000s for duplexes. For more information, visit nelsonpeakliving.ca or call 604.466.9278.