

# Ovation's gone country with a modern twist

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When Sabal Homes does country, it does it with a contemporary twist.

Forget overstuffed chairs and wood panelling — Sabal's homes have clean lines and open spaces, a modern esthetic with rustic appeal.

Consider the Ovation — this SAM Award-winning home in Riversong, Cochrane, is streamlined and urban, yet its sage green walls, slate tile details and grainy hardwood flooring create a look Sabal calls "Mountain Retreat."

"Autumn colours such as brown, burnt orange, evergreen and deep red are used to create this palette," says marketing manager Kendra Milne.

"The use of rugged materials such as tweed, solid wood and leather combine to create a casual and unrefined feel, maintaining the connection between Cochrane's Rocky Mountain atmosphere into the home.

"Accessorizing with found items, rugged landscape artwork, mountain animal sculptures, artisan crafts and lots of candles finish off this design."

And the décor only enhances the home's carefully planned layout, Milne adds.

An ample, U-shaped kitchen is a chef's dream with its ceiling-height, slate tile backsplash, grainy cabinetry, central island and oversized window over the kitchen sink.

"The primary inspiration for the kitchen was to allow a visual escape," Milne says.

"As we all know, most of us spend a great deal of time in the kitchen, whether it is cooking or entertaining. Parents can watch over the rear yard while tidying up or partygoers can easily access the dining area without having to walk through the main living area."

And, as the great room is located at the front of the home, past a convenient, raised tech centre, guests can gather for after-dinner drinks without having to

look at a pile of dishes in the sink.

Instead, friends can enjoy the room's cosy, yet sleek atmosphere. Crisp, white built-in shelves and cubbies surround a slate-detailed fireplace, while an oversized window looks over the front veranda.

"The beauty of the Ovation in its size is that it allows the design to give both an open-concept feel, as well as defined, sophisticated living spaces," Milne says, adding that can be said upstairs, as well.

A second-floor laundry room, full bath, two secondary bedrooms and generous master retreat take up residence here, and with its walk-in closet and well-appointed ensuite, the master bedroom is reminiscent of one found in a home twice the Ovation's size.

"This is quite possibly one of the most spacious and inviting master suites I have seen in a laned home," Milne says.

"It's rare to see a full, four-piece ensuite in this product lineup. However, this bathroom certainly does not skimp on space or style."

In fact, that's a statement that can be applied to the entire abode — inside and out, this 1,704-sq.-ft. home maximizes every inch of space with class, function and charm.

"The floor plan and the design elements used in the Cochrane showhome echo what our customers have told us they are looking for in a home," Milne says.

"This is a home that can grow with them and meet the needs of each stage of their lives — it's a sophisticated home for entertaining adults, with a layout that creates a functional family lifestyle."



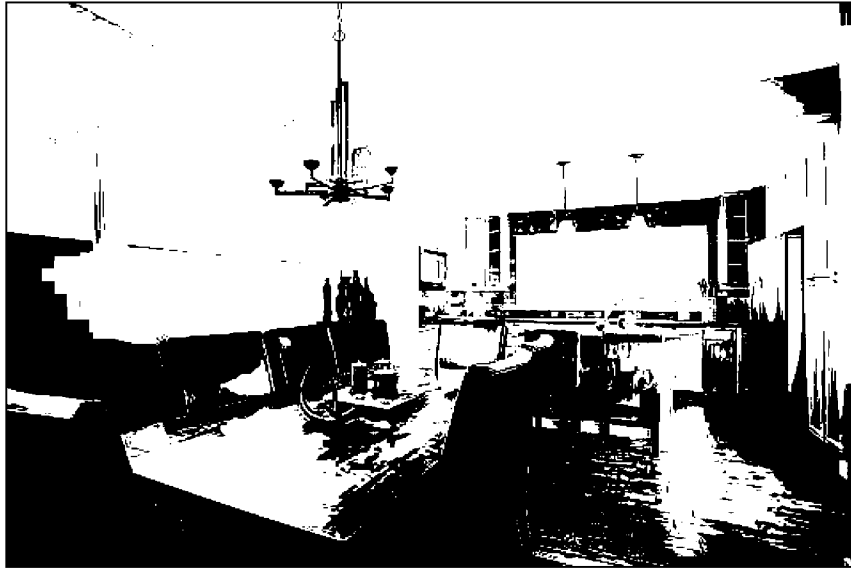
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**AREA:** Riversong, Cochrane  
**DEVELOPER:** Tamani Communities  
**PRICE:** From \$297,000  
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