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To add to the light feeling from all the natural light streaming into the many windows of the Mt. Scott home, painted kitchen cabinets were mixed with the maple cabinets in the island. The island cabinetry, made by Park Place Wood Products, features a creamy-toned stain topped with a glaze.

Both gathering place and multi-purpose food prep station, this oversized island serves as a visual focal point while providing plenty of space for seating, buffet service and storage, as well as a dishwasher and sink -- and more than enough room for multiple cooks.

The classically styled, custom-designed stove hood was made out of sheet metal that was then primed before being faux finished, creating a patina matching the finish of the Sun Valley Bronze cabinetry hardware used throughout the kitchen. The tiered shape of the hood prevents it from looking too big or boxy.

Two integrated Liebherr refrigerators, placed on either end of the counter, bring a balanced look to the workspace, which also includes two pass-through openings, one on each side of the stove, providing access into the butler's pantry. The refrigerator on the left holds less frequently used foods, while the one on the right stores items used every day.

SONOMASTYLE

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SOME ISLANDS ARE MEANT FOR GETTING AWAY. But others – like the grand-sized, food preparation island in the kitchen of the Mt. Scott home built by Shelburne Development – are meant for bringing people together, whether they’re dinner guests or family members who enjoy cooking side by side.

Both gathering place and multi-functional food prep area, the attention-grabbing, 7.5-foot-by-18-foot island provides ample seating, as well as a buffet-service area, sink, dishwasher and storage. It also “grounds the kitchen area,” says Ronda Divers, owner of Ronda Divers Interiors, the Lake Oswego company that oversaw the interior design of the contemporary, Sonoma-inspired home.

The island is topped off with honed granite, a matte-finished stone that has a “much softer feel, that ties back in with the whole theme of Sonoma, the softness and the warmth,” says Greg Heinze, president of Shelburne Development. A Tualatin company, Shelburne Development builds custom-designed homes and does restoration and remodeling.

Shelburne’s 6,515-square-foot home, designed by Stan Scrutton, AIBD sits on .5 acres in Altamont on Mt. Scott. Featured in the 2008 Street of Dreams, it offers a 220-degree view of downtown Portland, Mount St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams and the entrance to the Columbia River Gorge, while reflecting Heinze’s appreciation of Napa Valley, with its warm days and cool nights.

With its monochromatic color scheme, open floor plan and high volume of natural light, the three-level home’s interior reinforces the California theme. Square and rectangular openings and recesses in the interior walls, including the kitchen header, repeat the window patterns, adding to the light feeling. “When I first saw the blueprints,” Divers says, “it brought to mind the Sonoma area where a lot of the architecture is very clean lined and simplified and understated, and so my thought was to play off of that with interiors with really high-quality materials and finishes but with a clean-lined simplicity to it that would be timeless.”

In the kitchen, to take advantage of the home’s many windows and abundance of natural light, painted cabinetry was combined with maple cabinets that were given a light stain and then glazed. The high-end appliances include an Electrolux Dual Fuel Pro Range and Liebherr integrated refrigerators, one on each end of the work space. The refrigerator on the left, meant for less frequently used items, includes a compartment for meat storage, vegetable crispers, freezer and ice maker. The refrigerator on the right was designed to hold more frequently used items, including juices and milk.



In the outdoor room, four comfortable, sea-grass woven chairs by Century with cream-colored chenille cushions can also swivel, so guests can turn to talk to each other, enjoy the TV, or look at the fireplace or view of Portland and the entrance to the Columbia River Gorge. Behind the DCS barbecue with its commercial hood, a combination of copper and brick-shaped tiles introduces a warm feeling that softens the look of the stainless-steel barbecue. FAR LEFT The butler’s pantry includes a Kohler farm-front sink and wine refrigerator with freezer. LEFT The appliance wall conveniently groups a convection oven/microwave, standard oven, warming oven and coffee maker for functionality.



An appliance wall, with its convection oven/microwave, standard oven, warming drawer and coffee maker (all by Electrolux), brings together the variously shaped appliances and transforms them into an arrangement that is not only functional but a visually pleasing collage as well. The nearby butler's pantry includes a Kohler farm-front sink in roussillon red, an ergonomic Kohler Karbon™ articulating faucet and wine refrigerator with freezer.

But it's in the outdoor room just off the kitchen, that things take an unusual twist. It's here the 8-foot-tall, Jeld-Wen bi-parting, glass doors can be folded completely back like an accordion and seem to disappear. Throw in a DCS barbecue and four comfortable, sea-grass woven chairs and you can't tell if you're sitting inside or out. To further enhance the illusion, the cultured stone used in the fireplace is the same stone used on the outside of the home. With that, and the glass doors fully open, it feels like the wall goes away and the room becomes one with the outdoors.

In the home's master bathroom, the same light color scheme is carried out in the mosaic tiles that wrap around the Kohler RiverBath® tub, named for its 18-inch waterfall that spills down your back, massaging you while you soak. In the main-floor powder room, the mahogany sink table by Antigua introduces a Spanish-inspired, California-casual look.

The overall effect of the home's interior, Divers says, is one that makes you feel as if "you're walking into a place that is completely removed from the day-to-day world." Light and clean, it takes advantage of the views, resulting in a home that is "very peaceful, a very restful place to be."

The home won several Street of Dream awards, including Best Kitchen (Professional's Choice and People's Choice) and Best Interior Design (Realtor's Choice and People's Choice). ■



The glass shower features Kohler WaterTile fixtures in brushed bronze. On the wall, the 48-by-60-inch painting of a Sonoma scene by Portland artist Jamee Linton adds a touch of California while, overhead, the soffit in the 11-foot ceiling includes night lighting, creating a dramatic effect. + The powder room features a mahogany sink table by Antigua, which adds to the casual, California look. The amber-colored glass vessel sink introduces a sculptural element. On the wall, an abstract triptych from Butters Gallery in Portland picks up the same golden tones.

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