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In the rolling hills not far from the mythic cities of Florence, Siena and San Gimignano is one of the largest private landholdings in all of Italy. Rich Italian history and vast ownership, including movie stars and Italian nobility, is Castello di Casole – a signature development of Timbers Resorts.

With vineyards and orchards of olive trees patterning the hillsides, a historic castle is poised to open as a boutique hotel. Originally owned by the Bargagli family, an ancient and noble family of Siena, the Castello (castle) and surrounding estate dates back to 1680 and provides a vision of events that influenced the economy and culture of farm life in Tuscany. Today, Castello di Casole is a luxuriously appointed five-star resort and residence club featuring fractional and whole-ownership opportunities in artfully restored and reconstructed Casale farmhouses.

The history of the Castello di Casole estate is deeply rooted in the Tuscan agricultural system of centuries past. At the time the castle was built, around 1700, dramatic changes in the social and agrarian landscape were underway. The rural houses throughout Tuscany began shifting to the sharecropping agreements, helping to dispel the centuries-old oppressive tradition of feudal serfdom. Here, for the first time in history, peasants became a party in a legal agreement – at the same level as the owner. Crop rotation needs and the tending of livestock created a year-round need for workers, and the job offered peasants far more favorable conditions than any other at the time.

The view that welcomes today's visitors along the road from Casole d'Elsa towards the Castello, as well as from Monteriggioni, is an intimate reflection of its original 18th Century Tuscan landscape. It remains every bit as pastoral and pristine as it was over 200 years ago.

Owners at Castello di Casole enjoy a lifestyle as rich and diverse as Tuscany itself. Situated on many acres of land, the Casale range from 4,000 to 7,000 square feet. Each farmhouse features deep traditional Tuscan style with a complete range of modern amenities including a private infinity-edge pool and guesthouses.

Additionally, each Casale is separately named after one of the original farms on the estate with its own custom style, layout and color scheme.

Construction of the castle and farmhouses is made up entirely of Tuscan materials, such as reclaimed stones and barrel roof tiles, blending the traditional and grand Italian style with modern amenities. Each have foot-thick stonewalls, updated kitchens with top-of-the-line Ballerini Gianfranco refrigerators and stoves and, where possible, the original al fresco forno ovens. Each farmhouse is warmed by a grand fireplace and has central heat and air.





Much more than a place, Tuscany is a way of life. Each present moment is infused with two centuries of the world's favorite art, culture, wine and cuisine. Ownership amenities range from pre-arrival grocery services, daily housekeeping, personal governante to assist with meal preparation and housekeeping to a bilingual dedicated concierge, bellman service and car and driver upon request. A personal chef, specializing in local Tuscan cuisine, is available in each Casale for everything from breakfast in bed to a gourmet picnic or dinner party.

To provide a true taste of Tuscany, each Casale is provided with a private-label extra virgin olive oil, which comes from the 13 acres of olive trees on the estate. For owners interested in learning more about Tuscany's culinary talents, intimate cooking classes are offered on property and at local area restaurants. A 24-hour bilingual concierge can assist with making reservations.

Located on 88 acres of vineyards, Castello di Casole has remarkable wine that is produced by neighboring renowned winemaker, Paolo Caciorgna, who serves as a consultant to owners looking to learn and participate in the complete cultivation and winemaking process. The estate has been producing its very own proprietary Sangiovese blend exclusively for Owners and guest since 2005.

Opening in early 2012, the estate will boast a luxurious, restored Castello – a 41-suite boutique luxury hotel that will include a world-class spa and wellness center, swimming pool, pizzeria, stylish bar and fine dining restaurant.

To make the ownership and the vacation

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experience more rewarding, Timbers Resorts has created the "Timbers Reciprocity Program," which is a collection of amenities and services that offer an incomparable host of perks and privileges through exclusive relationships with an impressive group of trusted brands and services. The program is designed to ease and enhance the vacation lifestyle, whether it's getting to and from a Timbers Resorts property to booking one-of-a-kind excursions and experiences. Membership in the Timbers Collection ensures seamless travel from start to finish.

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