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The 12th fairway at Estancia spills down an incline toward a green nestled in native flora.

Estancia draws raves. Are the buyers listening?

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Targeted to an elite clientele and situated on an elite piece of land directly beneath Pinnacle Peak in the foothills north of the city, The Estancia Club Golf Course has opened for play with immediate accolades.

Chosen by The Arizona Republic/The Phoenix Gazette as the state's best private course, the Tom Fazio-designed track measures 7,146 yards through the natural desert, rolling terrain and rock outcroppings. Fazio called the site "unmatched in Arizona."

Owned by Estancia Development Associates, The Estancia Club is the centerpiece for a master-planned community that will contain 325 custom homes ranging in price from $200,000 to more than $1 million.

Fazio teams with Primadonna for 18, maybe 36, at Stateline

STATELINE, Nev. — Primadonna Resorts, Inc. and Sheldon Gordon and Randy Brant, developers of the Forum Shops at Caesars complex, plan to build a 1 million-square-foot themed shopping facility here that will blend medium and upscale retail factory outlet stores with restaurants and the latest in high-tech interactive entertainment.

The golf angle? A Tom Fazio-designed 18-hole championship golf course, with an additional 18 holes planned for the future.

Primadonna Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board Gary Primm said the "state-of-the-art" facility will be built on nearly 100 acres of land adjacent to Primadonna Resort & Casino. The complex will be attached to the Primadonna and connected with Buffalo Bill's and Whiskey Pete's casinos by transportation systems. It will feature approximately 100 of the world's best-known retailers, designers and manufacturers. A ride attraction promises to be "unforgettable," the developers say.

Meanwhile, in Scottsdale, Ariz., an early-December opening is projected for Raptor, the second 18-hole golf course at Scottsdale's Grayhawk Golf Club.

Designed by Fazio, the 7,000-yard par-71 course meanders over the gentle hills and across the deep natural arroyos that typify the north Scottsdale desert, offering spectacular views of the nearby McDowell Mountains along the way. But it is the golf experience Raptor offers players that will truly set it apart.

"This is a pure player's course," said Fazio. "In some ways it reminds me of the classic, older-style golf courses like Pinehurst. It basically just follows the natural flow of the land. At times, it's pretty tough. But true players will love it because there is a variety of ways to play each hole, and it forces players to make choices for risk and reward. It's real quality golf."

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