

ROYCE

The best of coastal living

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Quick: think exquisite finishings, elegant design, and exclusive residences. Now put a name to it: Royce. And if you haven't discovered this collection of White Rock condominium homes, you're missing out on something amazing.

DAZZLING BY DESIGN

Stepping into the display suite is like entering a different world, a world of tranquility and graciousness. From the ocean view to the Swedish oak hardwood flooring to the fluid sense of connectivity throughout, this home is clearly designed to satisfy the most discerning purchaser.

The kitchen is breathtaking. Open and oh-so-sophisticated with full-height, marble backsplash, every detail considers the interaction between a passion for cooking and a love of entertaining.

Classic white cabinetry is full-height — a feature sales manager Sal Bhullar points out not only means loads of storage, but less dusting as well. We immediately agree the six-burner, industrial-chic

stove could handle the most demanding family dinners and that the piano-shaped centre island with eating bar adds an element of visual drama... as well as even more storage.

"In this home, we've also built in an optional, built-in butler's pantry with wine fridge so people can see a contemporary alternative to the conventional china hutch niche," Sal says. "It gives a very fresh, clean look, and you'd be amazed how ecstatic many people get at the thought of finally being able to get rid of their old furniture."

SAVOUR OUTDOOR LIVING

"And take a look at this deck," Sal says throwing open the door. Okay, this is one big outdoor space — two sofas, coffee table, mega barbeque, six potted plants, and it still feels spacious. "People here really value their outdoor space, so everyone gets a large, private deck to enjoy." Bonus.

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Even Royce's architecture is a direct response to this love of natural beauty. The building wraps itself round a central, terraced courtyard forming a horseshoe that directs all views toward the Pacific Ocean. Horizontal cedar, vertical corrugated metal, and crystal clear glass create the impression of a modernist sculpture that's somehow morphing organically from the ground.

Outside, two women are simply staring at the presentation centre. "That looks fantastic," one says.

I can't help myself. "Just wait till you see inside," I tell her. "You're going to have to redefine fantastic."

Royce's groundbreaking takes place April 27 from noon to 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Baldwin officially kicking off the celebration at 2 p.m. Presentation gallery and display home now open noon to 5 p.m. daily except Fridays at 14855 Thrift Ave. in White Rock. Prices start at \$332,300. For more information visit royceliving.com or call 604.538.8028.