

REGAL BEARING

THERE'S NO MOAT, BUT DROMCASTLE'S AMENITIES MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR IT.

PRICE
\$4.6 MILLION

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Follow Wildhorse Creek Road past Babler Memorial State Park, through forested hills and valleys, and you'll curve by nearly a dozen ranches, horses grazing right off the roadside, noise nonexistent. This is country where time seems frozen—and where a castle doesn't seem particularly out of place.

Growing families would do well to look into this 11,000-square-foot, five-bedroom Wildwood home, created by builders Matt Walters and David Kreutz and architect Tom Hall. Dubbed Dromcastle, this home is built for the ages. More than a million pounds of stone are arrayed here, including 4-inch-thick limestone exterior walls, spiral staircases in the two turrets, Italian travertine columns in the great room, and a wavy Vermont slate roof. Even the soffits are limestone, quarried to match egg-and-dart moldings and rosettes salvaged from a Kansas bank. The gutters are hand-worked, heavy-gauge copper, the front door a blue-patinaed bronze from Chicago's Morton Salt estate.

Inside, floors are diamond-polished Italian marble and laser-cut, dovetailed cherry, walnut, and maple wood. The guest wing features herringbone cherry

floors aged black by an old Amish method. Radiant heating throughout supplements the home's forced-air system and five gas fireplaces. Modern kitchen amenities, including a built-in mixer lift and all-new appliances, find old-world counterpoints in Rose of Verona marble countertops and a hidden pantry. Downstairs, a tavern features 1,000-bottle wine storage, with nearby rack-mount servers capable of streaming 400-plus movies to the home's 13 flat-screen TVs.

In the master suite, palatial his-and-hers dressing rooms open through hidden doors (hers is a shoe rack) into an interior laundry area. Upstairs, a slate arcade atop an aqueduct overlooks the central courtyard's pool and outdoor kitchen, and on the other side of the house, a small *Romeo and Juliet*-style balconette overlooks the four-car garage and back turnaround. Adding to the home's whimsy, ceilings in several rooms, including the plush home theater, feature intricately routed cherry, pierced by pinpoint fiber-optic starlight.

With 5½ acres of land backed by a burbling creek and tiny hillside caves, this is the quintessential family enclave.

—MARGARET BAUER



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ESTATE SALE

NOTABLE RECENT HOME SALES IN ST. LOUIS

HOUSEHOLD: Sotheby's International Realty agent *Sharon Dougherty* and her husband, *Terry*

HOUSE: 6420 Ellenwood, Clayton:

5-bedroom, 5.5-bath, 5,267 square feet

BOUGHT: February 2009 for \$1.125 million from Washington University marketing professor *Martin Sneider* and his wife, *Jill*

FOR SALE: 2 Forest Ridge, Clayton:

5-bedroom, 6-bath, 7,089 square feet, listed for \$2.75 million

HOUSEHOLD: Family lawyer *Allan Zerman* and his wife, *Marilyn*

HOUSE: 254 Carlyle Lake, Creve Coeur:

5-bedroom, 4.5-bath, 3,283 square feet

SOLD: February 2009 for \$700,000 to *John and Jefferie Caito*

HOUSEHOLD: Metro Heart Group cardiologist *Dr. Michael Goldmeter* and his wife, *Bonita Planells*

HOUSE: 219 Topton, Clayton: 4-bedroom, 5.5-bath, 5,805 square feet

BOUGHT: January 2009 for \$1.225 million from Camela Medical Equipment president *Samir El Antably*

HOUSEHOLD: Centene Corporation vice-president *James Reh* and his wife, *Elizabeth*

HOUSE: 1517 Highland Valley, Wildwood:

4-bedroom, 5.5-bath, 4,524 square feet

BOUGHT: April 2004 for \$695,000

SOLD: January 2009 for \$760,000 to *Benjamin and Maria Conn*

HOUSEHOLD: Forest Park Hospital CEO *Jordan Tenenbaum* and his wife, plastic surgeon *Dr. Marissa Tenenbaum*

HOUSE: 3 Winfield Pointe, Creve Coeur:

4-bedroom, 4-bath, 3,518 square feet

BOUGHT: January 2009 for \$560,000 from *Alan and Zveitel Kwiatek*

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