

Black Diamond Ranch Offering Atypical Florida Living

"The Quarry Course navigates to the edge of a limestone quarry dug 80 feet into the ground and winds through lush tropical vegetation and towering oaks. It has ranked in the top 50 'Best Courses in America' by Golf Digest for 23 consecutive years." —TIM COLE, GENERAL MANAGER AT BLACK DIAMOND RANCH



Black Diamond Ranch offers 45 holes of Tom Fazio-designed golf. The Quarry Course is highly regarded; however, The Ranch Course is a member favorite. Not to be left behind, The Highlands Course is known as a "cool, little track" for those looking to sneak in a quick nine holes.

"Black Diamond Ranch is so unusual, dramatic, and spectacular. It took months and months of planning to get it just right." — TOM FAZIO

"When you enter the gates of Black Diamond Ranch, you immediately know it is a special place. With the majestic live oaks that canopy the entrance and drive, the impeccable and beautiful landscaping, and then the view of the Quarry Course. Oh my! I wanted to match the beauty of the arrival experience with the architecture of the homes. Harking back to traditional Florida architecture, the new homes are classical Florida but with modern touches and conveniences for today's living."

—TREY LAIRD, DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE AT ESCALANTE GOLF



Three new member cottages are ideal accommodations for national members (available to those living outside a 50-mile radius). They overlook the 11th hole on The Ranch Course. Each cottage features four bedrooms with en-suite travertine bathrooms, a fresh floor plan, and a large backyard with a private inground pool and Jacuzzi.

LECANTO, FLORIDA: Escalante Golf is quickly advancing into new home construction across its broad portfolio of communities. "We will finish with more than \$40 million in real estate sales this year," said Trey Laird, director of construction at Escalante Golf. "Our furnished turn-key homes at Black Diamond Ranch are a breath of fresh air in Lecanto. New floor plans and designs are well-received. Outside, you are greeted by sweeping porches, and inside, bright, airy designs.

"We have partnered with Furniture Land South [outside of Charlotte, North Carolina]. It's like having your very own private interior decorator at your fingertips at no additional cost. If you haven't been to Furniture Land South before, it is a must-visit. It's hard to see all their offerings in one day!"

With a booming local economy, fair pricing, a new hospital planned down the street, and its elevated location (flooding is not an issue), Black Diamond Ranch's new real estate offerings are proving popular. "My decades of experience in homebuilding provide me with an insight that others might overlook. For example, foundations are the most important part of construction. Without a solid foundation, problems with vertical construction are almost a given," concluded Laird. ■

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