



Tynecastle has grown into its own.

Nestled on 500 acres is a place so well hid some call it the best kept secret in the mountains. Originally a part of 16,000 acres owned by the MacRae family in the late 1800's these ridges were named "Invershiel" in the 1950's. Originally designed to be a modern day transplant from the Scottish Highlands, storied stone cottages and a castle were built. By the mid seventies Invershiel was a crossroads. In 1977 it was purchased by its current owner and renamed Tynecastle as a nod to its Scottish roots. Tynecastle was treated more like a family neighborhood than a development. The stone structures were renovated and sold to family friends and relatives. As the families grew and new friends found out how magical these mountains could be, more homes were built to accommodate this growth. Originally divided into 110 sites it became apparent fewer would serve the property better. The sites were redivided to the current 85 lots and every decision from then on has revolved around preserving and protecting

this property. As the families of Tynecastle continued to grow some found the need to move. Their homes became sought after by summer residents that had visited in the past. Word spread and soon people started to realize what seemed like a park was actually a place where they could own a piece of High Country history. Located between Linville and Banner Elk in the shadow of Dunvegan and at the foot of Grandfather Mountain, lies Tynecastle. Outside its gates and minutes away you will find restaurants, golf, shopping and everything one might need for quiet mountain living. Within them you will find privacy, breathtaking views and native wildlife. Under the stewardship of only two families for the past 100 years it is easy to see that not only has time stood still behind its gates but it has flourished.

In 1997 after leaving the family boat building business and returning to Tynecastle it became apparent a shift was occurring. No longer was this small community a summer playground for the textile, banking

and furniture makers located within a few hours drive. This area was attracting people from all over the south east and beyond. The attraction is easy to see, with its 4000 feet elevation, cool summer temperatures, brilliant fall foliage

and some what mild winters it was only a matter of time. With golf courses designed by the largest names in golf and three ski resorts within its borders Avery County has become not just a summer haven but a year round destination. With this realization came another concern, how do we maintain Tynecastle to its original intent but also share it with our new families.

Tynecastle Builders was started to meet this need. With the knowledge gained by growing up in Tynecastle it was easy to see where new houses could be placed to seem like they might have grown out of the mountain. By matching the land with designs that are site specific we could maintain privacy, protect the view sheds and make sure the native game trails would be left untouched. Taking it one step further if we could build them from wooded site to completed house before selling them we could somehow retain the magic we experienced as children playing in these woods for our new families. As we have continued this journey over the last ten years we continue to refine the process so that we can minimize the distraction building a home causes to the neighbors and to its new owners. With that in mind we changed our building cycle to begin the design in January when the leaves are down so that we can maximize the lots potential. We start the foundations in early spring before most of our families have arrived for the summer and we are indoors by the following winter. By Memorial Day that year's house is complete and ready to be shown. By then the pattern has already started repeating itself with the next year's house coming out of the ground. While we understand this is not a typical building cycle we like to think we are not building a typical mountain home. Our company philosophy is one of a kind, one at a time. In or-



der to make each home unique you have to step back and give the design room to evolve. We have found that if you let the site dictate the design and stay out of its way, it will give a design unlike any you have seen. When each home is completed we take the knowledge

gained from the journey and then start over with a clean sheet of paper. This way, each home is unique to not only its site but to any of the surrounding homes.

Starting in 2006 we created our web site www.tynecastlebuilders.com. With this site we are able to share photos from previous year's homes, provide articles about our neighborhood and homes, locate products from the suppliers we use as well as contact the artist and photographers that participate in making our homes one of a kind. In addition you can watch the journey our 2009 home "WynnCall" endures through a progressive virtual tour starting with its wooded site through to its completion in spring 2009. We look forward to sharing this experience with you.



Tynecastle Builders' philosophy, "one at a time, one of a kind", is exemplified in the fruition of Ramblestone. Ramblestone embodies attention to detail, beautiful craftsmanship, and successful execution. Anticipation now builds for their next project "WynnCall" and its completion in Spring, 2009.

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