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# COOKING ITALIAN STYLE

## Creating a Classic Wine Country Kitchen with a Flavorful Twist

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN if Italian modernists reimagined the simple lines of the ever-popular American Shaker style? The fusion is seen here in the sleek, clean lines of this Sonoma County kitchen.

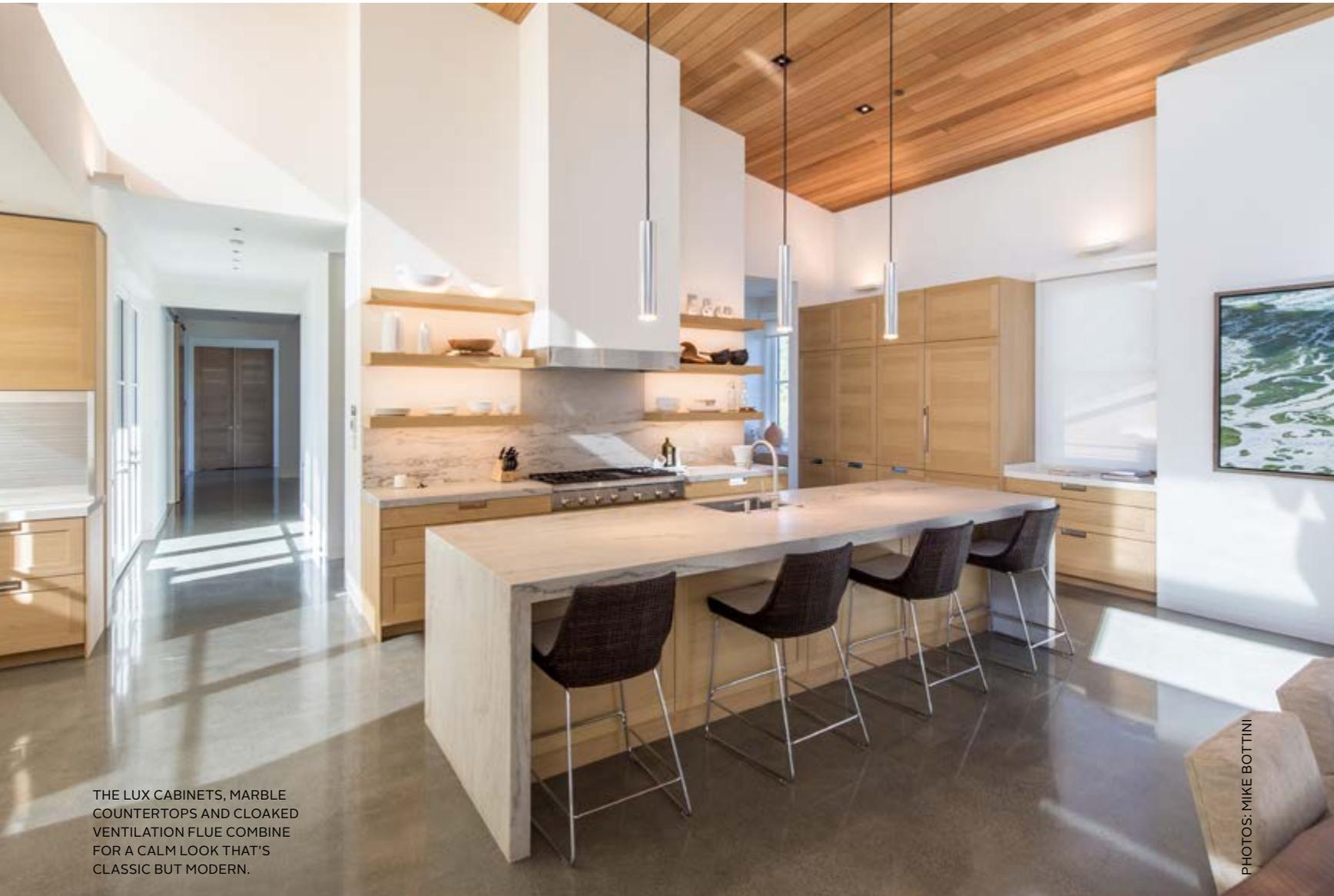
Kitchen designer Michael Glasser of Studio Snaidero Bay Area and interior designer Christine Curry collaborated to design a kitchen for a home in a bucolic Wine Country setting. But just because a home lives in the countryside doesn't mean it should have a farmhouse aesthetic.

Glasser says the Lux Classic cabinetry puts a mod spin on the straightforward American Shaker style for a new look. "The strong horizontal lines and contemporary integral handle transform a century-old design into something fresh and up-to-date—it's a 21st-century country kitchen," he notes.

Marble countertops are used for the island, the cooking area and the butler's pantry. A durable man-made solid surface countertop tops the perimeter cabinets in the prep areas.

In this kitchen, an overtly industrial note could ruin the tranquility of the space, so the designers opted to enclose the range hood and flue. "High ceilings are challenging when using a conventional metal hood, and the flue cover often results in awkward proportions," Glasser says. "Enclosing the flue created a dramatic stepped-wall detail, balanced by the open display shelves."

The result is a kitchen that is used for more than cooking. "It anchors one end of a large great room," says Glasser. "This is very much the center of activity for the family." — *Mary Jo Bowling*



THE LUX CABINETS, MARBLE COUNTERTOPS AND CLOAKED VENTILATION FLUE COMBINE FOR A CALM LOOK THAT'S CLASSIC BUT MODERN.

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