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On a beautiful sunny day, nothing says "relax" like the backing good looks and comfort of Castelle outdoor furniture. The comfortable design of the deep seat chair from the Park collection is luxurious and durable.

Comforts of home.

Sophisticated and durable furniture moves outdoors

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Nightfall is slowly approaching, marking the end of yet another summer evening. As the sky softens and melts into the warm, pink-and-orange horizon, there is no better view of the sunset than from your own backyard. In today's lifestyle, we are pulling our living rooms and entertaining spaces from inside the four walls of our homes and out into the great outdoors. Spending more time in outdoor living spaces regards the home's footprint and allows families to enjoy more nature and more sunshine, and to entertain in a whole new way. Gone are the days when backyard living was limited to choosing a picnic table and the gutters of kiddie pool chairs. It is now possible to

create a dramatic space outdoors that is chic and sophisticated that it truly feels like a comfortable extension of your home. The term patio no longer accurately describes the backyard experience. With thousands of options to choose from, it can be difficult to know exactly what to look for in your outdoor furniture, but it is important to realize that the pieces you integrate outside your home are just as important as the furniture you place inside. When it comes to quality and design, Castelle is a company that has been delivering on both for nearly half a century. All their pieces are hand-crafted and "beautiful enough to live indoors, tough enough to live outdoors." We

rejoice with Mark Stephens, Castelle president, about why these outdoor spaces have become so quintessential in modern living. "Outdoor living areas are no longer a second thought," he said. "These spaces have become the largest rooms of the home whether for new construction or exterior updates. Statistics show that the added value to a home that a well-designed outdoor living area brings is substantial and ultimately a smart investment." And Stephens admits it is important to think of outdoor furnishings as the way. Castelle offers such a stunning plethora of styles, finishes and textures it's nearly impossible to list them all, but from loungers,



The clean lines and modern look of the grouping from the Eclipse collection will add sophistication to any palette. Customize your experience with interchangeable seating, finishes and fabrics.

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↑ This quintessential table for four, from Castelle's Orion collection, boasts fun clean lines. Its long lasting durability meets expectations from homeowners to superior commercial standards.

sofas and loveseats to firepits and high-top tables, each piece guarantees a luxurious contribution to any terrace. Castelle's artisans craft each piece one at a time with a delicate eye for detail, and with a durability that can withstand the daily dealings of Mother Nature. "Hundreds of skilled hands are engaged in transforming molten aluminum into luxury casual furnishings. Each piece is designed to be customized through the use of hundreds of fabrics and dozens of finishes to such fine details as the five different designs possible on a chair's buttons," Stephens says, adding that the fine craftsmanship can't be stressed enough.

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Terri Klocke, co-owner of Natural Environments Landscaping Inc. of Fargo and a local distributor of Castelle, shares the same sentiments and sees an increase each year in the demand for these types of quality products. Klocke adds that if the sheer longevity and durability of their collections aren't already impressive enough, the products' "attractive sleek styles and variety will definitely meet any customer's needs and expectations."

By investing in your outdoor entertaining space, you are opening up your backyard to limitless possibilities. Your open-air spaces can be transformed into a place to gather with friends, to reflect in silence or simply to escape from the daily grind. With the right furnishings and a creative eye, those beautiful sunset colors at dusk are just the beginning of life well lived. ✽

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