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## JESSICA BIEL

sweet-talks us into following  
her path to the good life

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sinful temptations of a  
*Dolce* summer!

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## CASTELLO DI CASOLE A Tuscan Retreat: Private and Enchanting

*Wake up surrounded by olive groves and vineyards, indulge in fine cuisine and relish in the Tuscan lifestyle. Acres of land devoted to estates that present luxury and elegance.* WRITTEN BY STEPHANIE CESARIO

Peaceful and serene, Castello di Casole is one of the largest private land holdings in Italy. Brought to you by Timbers Resorts, Casole is rustic yet modern and among some of the most sought-after properties in the world. Imagine living in a castle of charm and international luxury, holding true to the romantic Tuscan lifestyle.

Authentic and traditional, Casole villas have been fully restored with breathtaking interior designs and architecture. The seven opulent private homes are distributed over 4,200 acres of land and offer panoramic views of the surrounding areas. At Castello di Casole, olive groves and vineyards will surround you while you soak in the Tuscan sun.

Once the home of the Bargagli family, preservation of historical nobility is evident; these estates cater to those who wish to experience the finest. Celebrities and nobility, including renowned Italian filmmaker Luchino Visconti, have called Castello their home. Central to Castello

di Casole estates is the new Castello Boutique Hotel, perched on the estate's highest hilltop in Tuscany, which will be unveiled in late 2008 or early 2009. Only 20 minutes east of Siena and 45 minutes north of Florence, you can live on treasured property that will allow you to embrace nature and leisure. With 30 to 40 suites, fine dining and a world-class spa, this quiet and luxurious getaway is the jewel of the Castle of Casole.

A wide variety of luxury services and amenities are available, including a personal chef and housekeeper, pre-arrival grocery services and a car and driver on request. Take cooking lessons, go wine tasting or enjoy a relaxing bike ride. Take a dip in the most luxurious glass-tiled infinity pool and gaze at the Tuscan sunset – a view beyond words.

Casole is sure to please, with its expansive, glorious master suites and enchanting guest residences so breathtaking that your visitors will not want to leave. A bilingual concierge will advise you of the best and most exquisite dining experiences in and around the area. Kitchens include top-of-the-line Ballerini Gianfranco refrigerators and stoves. Modest farmhouses have an outdoor patio with a *forno*, or wood stove, which will make your dining experience warm and intimate. Lavish and unforgettable, Castello di Casole is an impeccable getaway. Tuscany is internationally recognized for its art, culture, food and wine. It is not just a place to reside, but also a way of life – the sweet life. [www.castellodicasole.com](http://www.castellodicasole.com), [www.timbersresorts.com](http://www.timbersresorts.com)

