



HOME COMFORT

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THE PLACE: Napoleon Home Comfort is synonymous with everything in your home that keeps you warm, happy, comfortable and content. This Barrie-based company is North America's largest privately owned manufacturer of wood and gas fireplaces (inserts and stoves), gourmet gas and charcoal grills, outdoor living products, waterfalls and its newest product line - furnaces. No other Canadian company makes furnaces. "We offer one-stop shopping for all your home comfort, heating and cooling needs," says Steve Gauci, director of HVAC and Retail Operations.

THE STYLE: Napoleon's showroom is huge (11,500 sq. ft.) and designed to look like home. If it's a fireplace you're looking for, you've come to the right place. Here, you'll discover complete combinations to suit every want and need - from stone to wood,



to stainless steel surrounds - all displayed in cosy vignettes. Quality sofas, chairs, tables and accessories in a multitude of styles are top-notch but surprisingly affordable. Gauci says clients stop in on a regular basis to see the ever-changing line-up of home furnishings.

WHAT'S HOT: It's barbecue season and Napoleon carries an incredible line-up of gourmet grills. Their top-of-the-line Prestige-series grills are handcrafted, hand-tooled and hand polished, plus they come with all the bells and whistles every barbecue aficionado craves. Outdoor kitchens are big right now and Napoleon has a wide selection of built-ins and modular stainless steel islands that make summer entertaining a snap.

SEASONAL: Patio furniture, patio flames, patio heaters,

barbecues and outdoor fireplaces - all in one place. Napoleon even has its own line of barbecue sauces and seasonings and a recipe book with incredible meals to make on the grill. Napoleon's website also has easy-to-follow recipes (www.napoleongrills.com/recipes) that include grilled stuffed portabello mushrooms and planked beef tenderloin with smoky mashed potatoes. Yum!

FAVOURITES: Steve Gauci is excited about Napoleon's new line of Canadian-made furnaces. "We're offering 40 different models," he says. Gauci is also very proud of Napoleon's product line and the fact the Canadian company is based here in Barrie. It's a favourite stop for anyone looking for some home comfort.

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Napoleon's Steve Gauci

