

Jaffa wins best green home



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It's not quite the Huntsman compound in Deer Valley, but there's another spectacular home for sale garnering media.

GrandView Lodge at The Colony was the 2009 "Best of Show" winner at the Park City Area Showcase of Homes and was recently awarded "Green Build Home of the Year" for all the state by the Utah Home Builders Association.

Designed by Scott Jaffa and built by his Jaffa Group Design Build, GrandView Lodge is 9,683 square feet and priced at \$8.495 million.

It also happens to be No. 8 on CNBC's recent list of

"America's Most Impressive Ski Homes" (sharing the top 10 with another Park City home as well).

Jaffa said the Green Build Home award is about more than "greenness," although it must meet the association's criteria to qualify. It recognizes high-quality design and overall aesthetic appeal in addition to green characteristics.

The home was built to sell after completion so it is not a custom design for a specific buyer. That allowed Jaffa to implement more green characteristics than are normally requested in a custom home, he said.

For various reasons, once a buyer begins making requests, the ability to build green becomes more difficult. That doesn't mean GrandView Lodge is any less comfortable; it does mean

that it's more energy efficient than other homes its size and will save the future owner money, he explained.

Jaffa thinks GrandView Lodge caught the eyes of people at CNBC because of its placement on the site. Located in White Pine Canyon, the house is in an impressive neighborhood and appears to rest atop a ledge, he said.

With five bedrooms (two of which are master suites) and eight bathrooms, it's large enough for two families, he said. The idea was to design it for people who appreciate sustainable building. But it was also built to appeal to different kinds of buyers.

It's one thing to make a big house, he said, it's another thing to make a nice big house.

— Andrew Kirk