

Only \$8M for best Red Sox souvenir ever

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Housing crash? What crash???

Red Sox [[team stats](#)] hurler **Curt Schilling** [[stats](#)] just put his marvy Medfield manse on the market yesterday for a whopping \$8 million - some \$3.5 million more than he paid for it back in 2003.

Schilling and his wife, **Shonda**, who first announced they were selling the house last fall (before No. 38 signed a one-year extension with the Sox), finally listed their 20-room Colonial on 25-plus acres yesterday.

The 11,000-square-foot, three-story house with attached eight-car garage, is assessed for \$3.9 million. The Schillings bought it from former **New England Patriot Drew Bledsoe** for \$4.5 million. Bledsoe had originally listed the property at \$9 million.

"It's a fabulous house but it's not the house we want to live in for the rest of our lives," Shonda told us last fall. "I'd really like to be in a neighborhood for the kids. And we know it's not going to sell in a week so we thought we'd put it on the market now and see what happens."



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According to **Rob Bergeron**, who moves high-end Back Bay and Beacon Hill property for the **ERA Boston Real Estate Group**, the current housing slump hasn't affected high-end properties the same way it has the rest of the market.

"In the last six months or so the luxury home market has continued to do well compared with the rest of the market," he said. "Homes at these price points typically stay on the market longer due to the limited buyer pool, but homes that are priced appropriately are still typically moving in less than 90 days."

Bergeron said the \$3.5 million appreciation the Schillings have placed on their manse far exceeds the rest of the market, which has gone up about 25 percent since 2003.

"But the celebrity status of the seller brings special pros and cons to the property and it will be interesting to see how it affects the sale," he said.

The house is fit for a sports king with seven bedrooms, heated swimming pool, an all-sports court (tennis, basketball, skating rink and a professional batting cage), a game room and home theater. But we're rather taken with little **Grant Schilling's** World Series-themed bedroom!

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