

WHEN A HOUSE BECOMES A HOME

ESTATE LIVING IN THE HEART OF THE CAPE WINELANDS

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LEFT: Coenie Marais installed all the decking, pergolas, skirting, architraves, timber flooring as well as the knotty pine ceilings in this modern home. The company specialises in standard and customised joinery, from decks and pergolas to built-in cupboards. Coenie Marais is an expert in both inhouse and outdoor joinery.



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This home is a new build in an upmarket estate in the Helderberg Basin. The owners’ previous home was a much larger dwelling closer to the centre of town. “Since the children have left home we decided to scale down, yet we wanted something comfortable and stylish to suit our style of living,” says the owner. The owners wanted a property that was aesthetically pleasing both inside and out, while keeping within the strict guidelines of the estate.

The design itself was intricate in places. In order to create a contemporary yet stylish look, more than a straightforward building approach was required. “We wanted to include a substantial amount of timber and elements such as facebrick feature walls, open-roof trusses and double-volume ceilings throughout the living areas as well as the kitchen,” says the owner. A private entertainment area was also a must, accessed from the enclosed patio fitted with stack-back doors, opening up completely on a lovely sunny day.

The property is made up of a double-volume entrance



ABOVE: DH Architecture was appointed and responsible for the design of this house. The client’s brief was to push the boundaries and deliver something unique – a different design to the other properties in the estate. Natural materials such as timber and rock cladding were used, incorporating a natural and calming colour palette.

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hall, open-plan living/dining and kitchen area with a separate scullery and laundry, three en-suite bedrooms, a mezzanine floor in the lounge area, a guest toilet and an enclosed patio area with an indoor braai. Two bedrooms form part of a double-storey section of the dwelling, with the main bedroom, bathroom and walk-in closets forming the ground floor of this particular section of the property. The main bedroom is also fitted with a free-standing fireplace for chilly winter evenings. A great addition in the double garage is a staff bathroom.

From the outset, the owners wanted to create a home and not just a house. “I think we have succeeded in creating a warm, inviting atmosphere through lots >



of natural timber furniture, trimmings and ceilings," the owner says. "The entire interior design was done by ourselves. My wife enjoys paging through décor magazines and surfing the net for new and innovative ideas," he says. The owners also adore art and ceramics, and their home is beautifully adorned with the works of top artists such as Frans Claerhout and Carl Büchner. 🏠



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ABOVE: The brief received by the company was for a modern fireplace with clean lines but in keeping with the traditional fireplace aesthetic. A full cast-iron fireplace with imported black enamelled flue pipes sealed off in the chimney cavity was selected. This French-styled fireplace is called the Godin Cube.



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