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Flinders Residence

Location	Flinders
Type	Residential
Year	2021
Architecture	Abe McCarthy Architects
Interior Design	AV-ID Design
Landscape	Barber Landscape Architecture
Builder	G-Struct
Photography	Shannon McGrath

Flinders Residence is a study in modern country-style living, manifesting as an enclave of barn-like forms which speak to the land, the earth, and the interplay between texture, grain and light.

Key to the brief was the client’s vision for a family home that was non-contemporary in its formal expression. In response to this, architect Abe McCarthy has conceived a series of connected buildings that feel farmhouse in style, yet distinctly modern in aesthetic.

A veritable temple of timber, form and space is expressed through the primary use of Tasmanian Oak. As a result the building exudes a unique warmth and homeliness – perfect for a growing family. Gabled roofs and carved openings open out to the surrounding landscape from every angle, creating a continuous dialogue of sun and shadow.

“The design is unique in that every vantage point of the building is on display. There is no back of house. The overall form is sculpted and resolved to ensure framed views from and to the building from all directions,” says Abe McCarthy, director of Abe McCarthy Architects.

The interiors, completed in collaboration with interior designer Alicia Villella, are a sensitive melding of the client’s combined and individual desires, capturing both romantic and practical elements to create a unique sense of place.

The duo has used a deeply textural and tonal palette to offers a sense of comfort and warmth, grounding the individual within the home’s sweeping volumes. A series of bespoke pieces, including joinery, lighting and a cosy conversation pit, ensure the interiors remain inviting and functional for a boisterous, growing family.

“This is a house that celebrates beautiful modern design but is ultimately liveable. It’s a marriage between a country-style barn house and a modern expression of architecture, with moments of glamour juxtaposed against moments of pragmatism. A truly unique residence,” says Alicia Villella, director of Alicia Villella Interior Design.

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Our projects engage natural light and framed space to harness an essential and unique experience. Our process is premised on a collaborative and thoughtful platform which endeavours to exceed our client's expectations. Our concern and respect of the natural environment is represented through discrete and practical sustainable initiatives inherent to each and every project.

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