

Jennifer Robin Interiors

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WHEN A BAY AREA couple with two young sons embarked on building their second home in Napa Valley, they knew it needed to be a getaway that would suit their active outdoor lifestyle and love for entertaining, but ultimately serve as a lifelong home. Jennifer Macdonald of Jennifer Robin Interiors in collaboration with architect Karen Jensen and Total Concepts Construction took their cues and designed a durable, elegant and timeless home.

Upon entering the great room of the 5,800-square-foot home, a 36-foot span of windows framing the views across the valley offers a breathtaking reminder of why living in Wine Country is so great. Macdonald designed the interiors for comfortable living by harmoniously scaling the furniture. "We blended solid pieces with lighter more refined ones, a balancing act that grounds the large space and ensures the design does not detract from the views," says Macdonald.



In the great room, a custom dining table by Statsky Design leads the eye to the vast views ahead.

A calming palette of earthy greens and blues mirror the natural surroundings that pour into the room. Crystal chandeliers from Restoration Hardware add a touch of glam over a thick maple slab dining table handmade by Statsky Design, while herringbone floors add a welcoming sophistication. In the living area, elegant sofas by Dmitriy & Co. appeal to the owner's more feminine side while inviting carefree lounging with easy-care upholstery.

In the open kitchen, a large island with a soapstone countertop gives presence to the room and is anchored by cozy barstools by Palecek covered in fabric from Perennials. On the back counter, white Taj Mahal granite, one of Macdonald's favorite materials for its durability and elegance of marble, complements a backsplash of Ann Sacks honeycomb tile.

Macdonald continued the use of textural tile and granite in the powder room, creating a cohesive and calming flow. Such elements, she says, "are not just long-lasting; they don't go out of style quickly." In the bedrooms and media room, rich and luxurious fabrics layered with natural woods, add to the organic, graceful tone of the home.

In this chic wine country residence, Macdonald weaves together architectural elements and interior details to create timeless, inviting spaces that harmonize with the environment. "Designs that celebrate the best of indoor-outdoor living brings such joy to all," the designer says. "And isn't that what it's all about?"



CLOCKWISE: Macdonald designed the home to frame the surrounding views. A custom green sofa fabricated by Kroll Furniture brightens the media room. Two massive chandeliers from Restoration Hardware shed light on shades of grey and blue.

