

Situated on the edge of a natural preserve this house takes full advantage of the uninterrupted natural landscape that it faces. The compound consists of the main house building and the garage, guest room building which are separated by a courtyard. The house form is a rectangle, in plan, with the long side composed of large glass doors and windows that face the view.



The plan is essentially open with living -dining room and family room separated by a free-standing cabinet. The living–dining space is voluminous with its 14 foot high ceilings and clear story windows. It opens to the kitchen which runs perpendicular to the main space. The dining sequence transverses the living space in a series of spaces that each open up to the other and to the exterior in a dramatic manner. The kitchen has a series of sliding doors that

disappear into a wall resulting in the exterior eating patio and the kitchen to be unified as one eating cooking environment. Likewise the kitchen and formal dining area are open to each other and are on the same axis. They face the view and connect to the exterior with another set of sliding doors that open up completely.



The form of the house is conceived as a series of folding roof planes clad in factory painted charcoal gray metal. At some points the metal roof is either folded up or down to become wall planes. These walls frame openings that are focused on the view to the hills beyond. At points the folded walls lift up revealing poured in place concrete walls that are part of the first floor enclosure.

A wood grained phenolic resin clad “box” protrudes from the house. The “box” which is a storeroom, has a greater purpose of truncating the visual axis on approach to the glass front door, and is an integral part of the enclosure that makes up the exterior eating patio. The wood grained resin panel box thrusts into the house, containing the kitchen, and introducing a warm hue to compliment the palette of natural materials.



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