

610 EL CERRITO AVENUE
Hillsborough, CA

THE IDEA

The definitive idea behind this project was to create a modest country house that was traditional yet minimalist from within. The thick wall massing and the attention to architectural detail are evidence that this house was designed and built to the enduring quality and beauty of European homes built long ago.

Located in one of Hillsborough's exclusive neighborhoods, the 0.63 acre hillside property is tucked away just 20 miles south of San Francisco and less than 5 minutes from nearby downtown San Mateo. It features a custom-built Spanish Colonial-inspired house that is characterized by an L-plan, low-pitched mission clay tile roofs, exposed wood rafter tails, broad expanses of thick white-washed stucco walls with recessed-in French patio doors and casement windows; and surrounded by native California oaks, boxwood hedges, French lavender, Mexican bush sage, and rosemary that are often found in Mediterranean landscapes.

Designed by Atelier Lawrence Cheung, the minimalist interiors were conceived as meticulously proportioned spaces with a simple yet elegant material palette that consists of white plastered walls, timber beams, wide plank white oak floors, and pale travertine used for wash basins and bath tile flooring. It is contemporary and refined, yet also rustic and Old World in appearance. It is a culmination of sophistication and stylish simplicity.

The 5,700 sq. ft. residence features bath rooms with walk-in showers, Axor Starck and Hansgrohe bath fixtures, and custom-designed floating vanities in rift white oak with travertine countertops. The master bedroom suite includes custom-built walk-in closet wardrobes with a dressing vanity, and a spa-like master bathroom with a jacuzzi tub and a large walk-in shower.





PROPERTY PROFILE

- 4 bedrooms
- 4.5 baths
- 3 car garage
- house size: 5,695 sq. ft.
- net lot size: 27,310 sq. ft. (0.63 acre)

OTHER RESIDENTIAL FEATURES

- 8' tall distressed front entry door in walnut w/ antique solid bronze thumbblatch / lever mortise lockset by Hardware Renaissance in Midnight Gold Patina finish
- sweeping staircase w/ rustic wrought iron railing
- living room with custom-designed and French-inspired cantilevered stone fireplace surround, cathedral ceiling and timber beams
- custom-designed rift white oak kitchen cabinets with white quartz countertops
- large kitchen/island and breakfast nook open to family room
- up-to-date stainless steel Thermador kitchen appliances:
 - 48" 6 burner Professional series gas cooktop
 - 42" built-in side by side refrigerator

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- 30" Masterpiece series triple combo oven
- 24" 4 programs & 4 options fully flush stainless steel panel dishwasher
- 24" wine refrigerator by U-Line
- laptop station in kitchen/pantry
- floating Italian veincut travertine bench/fireplace hearth in family room
- secondary staircases with barrel-vaulted ceilings
- aged iron wall sconces by Circa Lighting
- recessed light coves in every bedroom and bath
- 4" flush baseboards for a clean minimalist look
- sand-cast bronze interior door hardware
- 2 bedrooms open out onto a Monterey-style balcony
- master bedroom opens out onto a private cobblestone patio w/ wall fountain and landscaped retaining wall
- room for wine cellar
- minimalist interiors ideal for art-savvy collectors
- beautiful motor court w/ stone pavers in a radiating pattern



'There is no virtue more indispensable for us all...
than humble simplicity.' St. Bernard of Clairvaux



A RARE, LUXURIOUS, MINIMALIST RESIDENCE THAT IS CONTEMPORARY AND REFINED, YET ALSO RUSTIC AND OLD WORLD IN APPEARANCE.





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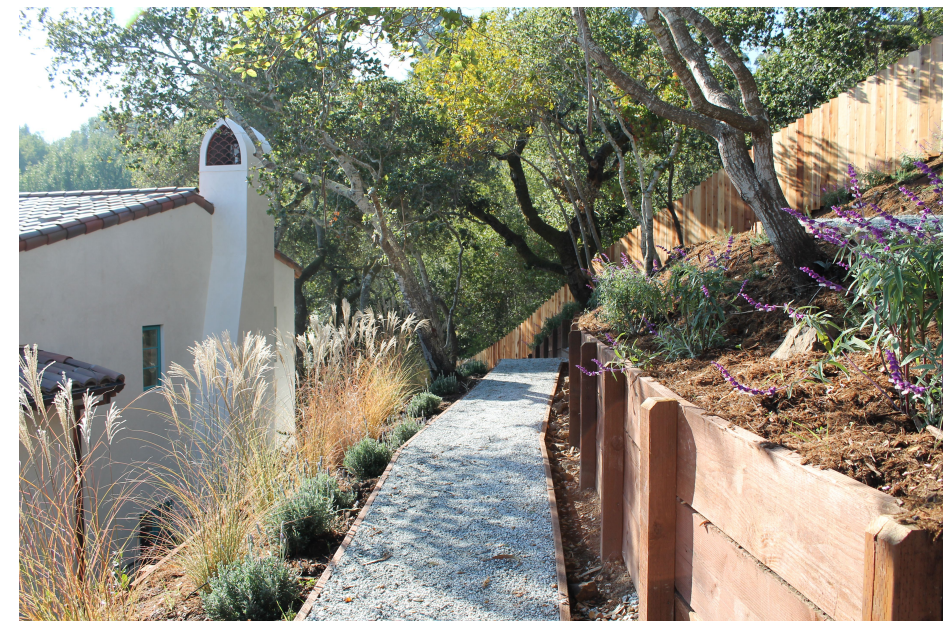




GOING BEYOND CONVENTIONAL MEANS OF A "SPEC" HOUSE, THIS CUSTOM HOME WAS BUILT IN THE SAME RIGOR AS IT WAS DESIGNED.



"A thing of beauty is a joy forever." John Keats



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