

# *Of innovations and interpretations*

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The architectural design of this Paarl estate home, a contemporary interpretation of the estate's classical French guidelines, speaks for itself.

Architect Hanlie Booyens of BE3 Architects fulfilled her client's brief amid a number of challenging factors, including the orientation of the site and climatic conditions at Val de Vie Estate, during all seasons.

This project reflects a successful cohesion between

**BELOW:** BE3 Architects designed this challenging project within the constraints of the estate guidelines, site orientation, local climate and customer brief. The concept was to create an element that acts as a "backbone" to which spaces attach, link and interact. A series of five arches was constructed on the north-south axis, inviting guests into the heart of the home, giving access to the first floor, dividing spaces, and finally leading the eye to the view on Paarl Mountain. The design became a contemporary interpretation of the estate's classical French guidelines.



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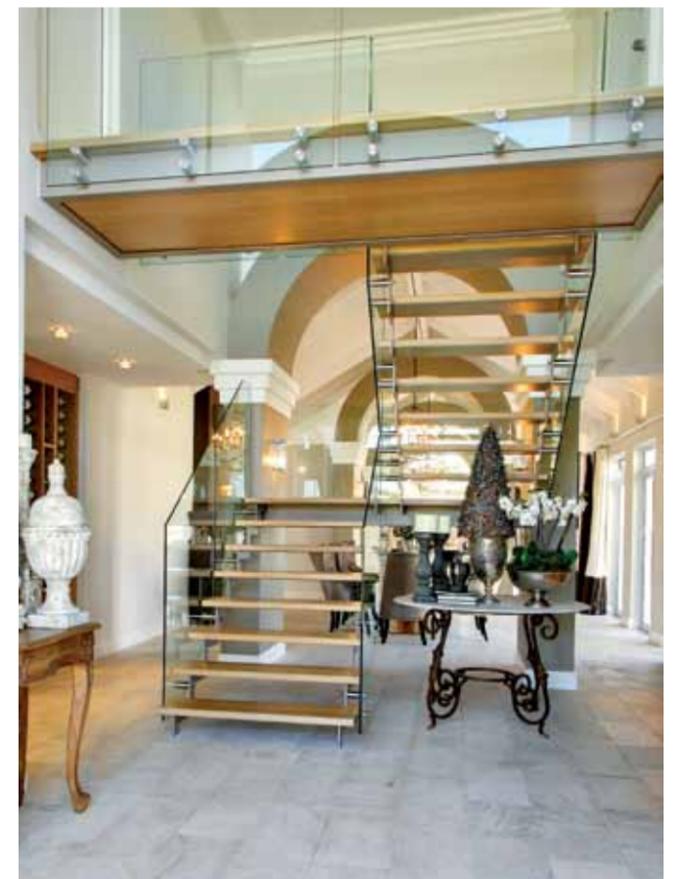
**ABOVE:** Interior Concepts' project brief was to achieve simplicity anchored by clean lines, with the introduction of a surprise element. The natural theme allowed emphasis on texture and tone in fabrics and finishes. In keeping with the architectural design of the high arches as focal points throughout the house, are two beautiful black steel cabinets, and oversized couches. The round sphere candelabras add a touch of glamour while drawing the theme together.

client and architect for "something strong, yet simple that gives clarity to the flow and brings a 'wow' factor into the home".

Exterior visual perspectives of a European ambience are created from entering the house, along the garden and driveway, where a manicured garden sets the tone against high curves and shuttered window enclosures.

Working closely with the architect, interior designer Nicolette Jonas of Interior Concepts, who is well accustomed to the tranquil setting and fine lifestyle offered in this estate, says her brief was to present French charm personified, within the framework of the contemporary architectural design.

Another priority was to optimise natural light throughout the entire structure – by using an abundance of glass windows and doors, this was perfectly achieved and





natural light now flows from the front door right through to the other end of the house.

This abundance of free flowing light also enhances the depth perspective through the interior theme of five arched structures. Soft lighting through spiral light fittings complements the repetition of curves as pivotal to the interior design.

Open-plan living areas have created a warm ambience for family gatherings and socialising. And not to be underestimated is the central position of the kitchen for optimum functionality in linking living areas together.

Additional use of practical yet visually pleasing elements is seen in combinations of quality timber, glass and steel applications.

The master-crafted staircase and landing, revealing a timber underside adds to a number of surprise elements in the style and function of this house. Combinations of marble and solid oak engineered floors subtly balance cold and warm floor spaces.

The professional work of a team of specialist contractors is evident in the quality and style amid beautifully finished external as well as internal spaces.

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**LEFT:** Tranquil, modern and elegant – these are the words that describe your dream bathroom. Waterstone provides luxurious bathtubs, exquisite taps as well as finishes that will offer you a lifestyle of fine taste. Select from Waterstone's standard SABS-approved product range and international brands, to suit individual styles and budgets, without ever compromising on quality.

combinations of wall surfaces that enhance classic collections of stylish furnishings. Bath-time luxury and comfort is derived from the combinations of quality fittings and bathroomware by Waterstone.

Uninterrupted interior flow in the bathrooms was maintained through the use of contemporary-styled frameless

glass shower enclosures, by Alprod Shower Doors.

The emphasis on easy flow continues between interior and exterior spaces, as seen from the pool to the patio area where this family is able to have maximum enjoyment from the estate's exclusive outdoor surroundings.

This exquisite home is a reflection



of innovative style and creativity for the daily pleasures of its residents. 🏡

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