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# Pleasures of a timeless nature

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What better way to revisit fond childhood memories than choosing a country lifestyle, one that closely resembles an upbringing around horses and wide open spaces.

Achieving the goal of living in a modern yet timeless environment took long term planning, with a focus on orientation, convenience and beauty, say the owners.

Spending time here during long year-end holidays brought new found appreciation for home comforts amid abundant beauty, fresh air, and mountain views.

They say the functional cohesion between themselves, their architect, builder and other contractors turned this project into the success that it is.



LOUIS PHILLIPS ARCHITECTS 021 872 9568

**LEFT:** Louis Phillips Architects designed this classical contemporary home in Val De Vie Wine and Polo Estate, located in the heart of the Boland winelands. With a focus on open-plan living and entertainment areas, the design optimises the Northern views over the vineyards towards the Paarl Mountain, and maintains protected outdoor living against local weather conditions.

**BELOW:** Riatell Projects, the company that built this modern private estate home, has been operational in the Western Cape for over five years. Owner manager, Riaan van der Westhuizen's work philosophy is centred round the quality of projects, as opposed to quantity. Riatell Projects prides itself on providing service excellence for complete customer satisfaction, as well as word of mouth referrals.

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**ABOVE:** For over 13 years, Natural Stone Warehouse has been home to one of the largest selections of finest quality tiles and cladding, imported exclusively from around the world. Its reputation for unsurpassed quality and service excellence ensures an unforgettable customer experience, and with its extensive range you will find the perfect match for your requirements.

This pair of hands-on owners chose to be involved in the interior design, decor, finishes, fittings as well as electrical work. What made it possible, they say, was a mutual understanding between themselves and the project contractors, who appreciated their needs as well as technical and creative input. Flexibility from all sides, for the duration of the project, contributed to the successful completion of this private estate home.

Initiating the process was architect Louis Phillips, who realised





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**TOP:** Waterstone has been specialising in bathroomware and kitchenware for over ten years, the products of which are exclusive ranges of sanitaryware, hardware, ironmongery, flooring, and appliances. At the forefront of Waterstone's operation is superior quality, a consistent commitment to service excellence and cost-effective, SABS-approved products, as can be seen at its double-storey showroom in Durbanville. In catering for developers as well as contractors, Waterstone assures value, reliability and attention to the finest detail for constant customer satisfaction.

**PREVIOUS PAGE BELOW:** MSM Kitchens caters for the residential and corporate markets throughout the Western Cape and specialises in the manufacturing and installation of quality kitchens, built-in cupboards, bathroom vanity units and more. Through its focus on design with 3D visual concepts of end products, as well as superior-quality materials and aesthetics, MSM Kitchens assures high-end service delivery and customer satisfaction.

that his clients' brief for a sheltered outdoor entertainment area had to be pivotal to the design, while optimising the north-facing orientation of the plot.

His integration of indoor and outdoor areas produced the easy flow his clients wanted, both on the ground and first floor levels, where open verandahs lead off bathroom and bedroom spaces.

Louis says the design concept was built around a strong central axis, starting off in the entrance courtyard. This area is accentuated by stone columns and water features on both sides, terminating over the pool courtyard with splendid views towards Paarl Mountain, and is flanked by living and entertainment areas on both floors. In framing the Paarl Mountain views, the house creates a seamless visual transition



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onto the adjoining vineyards. For the owners, the work of specialist builder, Riaan van der Westhuizen, who is well acquainted both locally and within the Val de Vie Polo Estate, shows the results of flexibility and patience. Riaan says that together with the site engineers they managed the high water table, which enabled the successful construction of the pool.

The outcome is a luxury pool terrace, complete with surrounding stone finishes by Natural Stone Warehouse, and is now a firm favourite for summer entertainment.

The interior spaces of this home are filled with personal preferences for superior-quality materials and applications sitting comfortably together, such as the crisp white panelling and hint of a French Canadian decor influence.

Large quantities of fine cabinetry by MSM Kitchens throughout the house, from the open-plan kitchen to the master bedroom dressing area, display the owners' transitional approach of merging traditional and contemporary styles. Private spaces are enhanced by style and quality, such as the central position of the bath in the master suite by Waterstone, which allows for views from across the polo fields to flow inward.

In this home every comfort is a treasure, from the pajama lounge upstairs, to the martini step in the swimming pool. 🏡

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