

HOUSE OCHO



PROJECT LOCATION
Carmel, California

COMPLETION DATE
September 2004

SIZE OF HOME
2900sf + 600sf cottage for guests

PROJECT TYPE
New Construction

DESIGN TEAM
CONTRACTOR
Groza Construction

LANDSCAPE DESIGN
Loretta Gargan
Blasen Landscape Architecture

LIGHTING DESIGN
Steinbeck Technical Consulting

ENGINEER
Fulcrum Engineering

GREEN ROOF CONSULTANT
Rana Creek

Located in a nature preserve in the Santa Lucia Mountains, the site of oak forests and steep meadows strongly impacted and inspired Feldman Architecture's design. In order to reduce the impact of the home's massing and to preserve site lines, the building settles into the ground and overhanging roofs are planted with tall native grasses. The house is also divided up into a series of pavilions to lessen its overall mass.

After passing through an entry grove, visitors can see distant views between and over the various building elements. As they are drawn into the widening view, they are led down from the tree-lined ridge to a large terrace that serves as an outdoor living room for the house.