

# Robinson House

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This much-loved family home with sweeping views warranted a sensitive renovation that acknowledged the original placement and layout. An extensive renovation project ensued and included a new pool and associated pool house and courtyard, landscaping, and the re-cladding and roofing of the existing building.













The main house features black-stained board and batten gabled 'sheds' in homage to the rural setting. Internally the house was completely re-planned and finished, giving more appropriate priority to the size and layout of the individual spaces.

The original footprint of the house remained untouched, with the new pool area situated to the west of the house, flowing seamlessly from the living room and guest wing. Tiling throughout the house continues outside as paving, creating an uninterrupted connection from the main house to the pool area.

The pool pavilion is designed as a roof plane sitting lightly on a stone landscape wall at one end and an oversized steel frame at the other. The stone wall steps and continues around the pool area, containing the space.

The pavilion can be entirely opened up or protected from the prevailing wind via glass sliders. A bar and fireplace allow for entertaining adjacent to the main structure.

A reflection pond to the north of the house, viewed from the kitchen and main living area, further enhances the feel of light and airiness that plays throughout this home, contrasting with the solid, black cedar timber cladding.

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