



Remote West Texas
5,000 ft² (465 m²)
Design: Sanders Architecture
Photography: Ryan Ford

Secluded Ranch

The clients spent years scouting their remote 300,000-acre property looking for the perfect location to build their new home. Finally, they located the approximate site to take advantage of a field of boulders on the hillside with distant views of rural fields and the hill country beyond. The idea was to be able to take in the views while also taking advantage of prevailing breezes and comfortable outdoor living.

The design brief was a contemporary ranch aesthetic that was functional. The 5,000-square-foot (465-square-meter) home features a modern, clean-lined, low-maintenance ranch design with luxury comfort. The connection to the land was paramount to the homeowners. Large glass wall openings and a large, fully operable window wall in the living room allow for an abundance of natural light, sweeping breezes, and vast vistas of the ranchland beyond.

Natural, simple, and pure materials were used for the interior design. Wood, stone, plaster, steel, and concrete were incorporated to create transparency in material and form so as not to compete with the landscape's rugged beauty. Gathering outdoors is an integral element of entertaining in the home. With plenty of space for family and friends, the outdoor covered porch boasts a seating area with a custom fire feature and a double television for indoor/outdoor viewing. The outdoor dining area connects to a bar with a large pass-through window. There are multiple covered outdoor spaces, including a dogtrot between two guest suites, creating an intermediate place to enjoy the breezes while being shaded by the large roof overhead.

