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GRUST

Renovation of a barn

2024

Delivered in: 2024
Grust, France (65)
148 sqm
Client: NC



At the heart of the village of Grust, perched at an altitude of 975 meters and majestically overlooking the Luz-Saint-Sauveur valley, stands a timelessly charming barn.

Facing this natural haven, its main façade reveals a breathtaking panorama—a living masterpiece where the mountains unfold in all their splendor.

The project was guided by a profound respect for the soul of this building, striving to preserve its original exterior appearance and the materials that define its identity.

A meticulous interior deconstruction allowed for the sorting and reuse of salvaged elements, blending heritage preservation with an eco-conscious approach.



Transformed into a contemporary home, the barn now unveils bright and suspended interior spaces.

On the ground floor, an expansive open-plan living area stretches out, bathed in natural light. A long row of built-in furniture integrates an open kitchen, whose fluid lines extend seamlessly into a welcoming living room.

At the heart of this space, a fireplace constructed from reclaimed schist and granite stones evokes the raw charm of a mountain bivouac firepit.





Beneath its apparent simplicity, the barn harbors a unique feature: a natural spring flows through one of its gables, seeping in from the adjacent rock face. Rather than diverting the watercourse, a discreet network of drains was designed to guide the water without disturbing its natural path, in perfect harmony with the site's new purpose.



Within this vast volume, three distinctive bedrooms are suspended like poplar cabins, delicately perched. True hanging cocoons, each features its own en-suite bathroom and is connected by lightweight bridges that float within the space, lending the ensemble an airy and poetic dimension.

A large steel pivoting window generously admits natural light. This opening illuminates every corner of the home while framing the surrounding landscapes as though they were a constantly evolving work of art.

This project, a marriage of tradition and innovation, celebrates the harmonious union of architecture, heritage, and nature. The barn, while preserving its authentic character, is reborn as a warm and inspiring living space, open to the splendor of the valley.









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