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THIS PAGE: AN OUTDOOR KITCHEN WITH GRILL, REFRIGERATOR, AND SINK BECKONS POOLSIDE TIME. THE CEDAR-SHINGLED STRUCTURE FEATURES BARN DOORS FAUX-FINISHED BY DECORATIVE PAINTER SHIRLEY ROBINSON. OPPOSITE PAGE: THE CIRCULAR DECK THAT SURROUNDS A GROUP OF REDWOODS WAS A LAST-MINUTE DECISION AND IS NOW A STUNNING SPOT TO RELAX.

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A NATURAL ACCORD

TASKED WITH THE DESIGN of a newly constructed residence in Woodside, Will Wick's objective was twofold: to create an environment that welcomes friends and family and that also encourages indoor/outdoor living. Wick, whose namesake interior design firm as well as his retail showroom, Battersea, are based in San Francisco, delivered in spades.

The entryway of the 7,000-square-foot house offers a view straight through to the dining room, which features pocket doors that open to a patio and expansive backyard. The décor's more traditional pieces, like the Dessin Fournir table, Ironies chairs, and an antique French buffet, are joined by elements that evoke the natural world, such as the agate chandelier and abaca rug.

Casual entertaining was also a priority for the clients. Hence, the kitchen is anchored by a custom trestle-base table whose zinc top can be used for both dining and prep work.

Just beyond the kitchen doors, which, according to Wick, are almost always open during the summer, is a covered porch. Outfitted with a branch chandelier, wooden table, and wicker chairs, all Belgian and sourced by Wick, the porch offers another opportunity for relaxed alfresco gatherings.

Elsewhere, a poolside kitchen is equipped with the essentials for grilling affairs. And nestled among a cluster of redwood trees is a Wick-designed circular deck that is an idyllic spot for reading or enjoying drinks.

"It feels authentic and lived-in, not like a new, freshly decorated, fancy house," says Wick of the home's overall vibe, which he describes as "a blend of country farmhouse, with some European finds and just enough modern flair." Since the project's completion, the clients' brood has expanded to include three kids, including twins, prompting the designer to add with a laugh: "Now it's really super lived-in." — Anh-Minh Le