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Jeff Schlarb Design Studio

RESIDENTIAL
INTERIOR DESIGN
MORE THAN
3,000 SQ. FT.

A LITTLE OVER THREE YEARS AGO, Jeff Schlarb and his wife Tray purchased a vast 17-acre property in Healdsburg with serene grassy vistas and a home that was in need of some love. After searching for years throughout Sonoma, Calistoga, and beyond, the couple saw multiple properties, all of which were great but didn't have that "special" light. But when approaching their future Wine Country retreat, Schlarb notes, "the place spoke to us."

Both designers, Jeff and Tray created Green Couch Interior Design, 15 years ago. Until late 2016, all work was performed under the firm name Green Couch, with the interior design department now labeled Jeff Schlarb Design Studio as a way to differentiate between the other services performed at Green Couch, such as luxury leasing, staging and event decor. Their combined experience required the two to agree they would split up the design of their new home room by room and insert veto power when needed. "We wanted to create a place that expressed what we like the most," says Jeff, "while peppering in a recipe of radness."

Starting outdoors, with the necessities of new windows and all new siding, the duo were eager to move indoors to begin composing the perfect getaway for their family of four. The couple and their two children spend most of their time in the house in a cozy family



THE BRIGHT BREAKFAST NOOK WHERE THE FAMILY SPENDS MOST OF THEIR TIME.

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room that lies just off the kitchen. Punches of aubergine occupy the highly illuminated space, which offers the most amount of natural light throughout the day. "I am always looking for a place that has the right type of land," says Schlarb. A muted, geometric Osborne & Little wallcovering helps further reflect the natural surroundings.

Tray decided to continue the wallcovering in the kitchen, which called for a complete renovation. They replaced the appliances, installed custom cabinetry and limestone countertops, and poured a concrete floor, which can also be seen throughout the home and guest home. The showstopper when stepping into the room is a custom brass chandelier designed in collaboration with Park Studio in Los Angeles.

Jeff's passion for entertaining is evident in both the dining and living areas. Beginning in the dining room, vibrant hues of blue found in an expansive rug by The Rug Company and a pair of occasional chairs from Coup D'Etat bounce off of rustic browns and shades of copper. A stunning combination of gray plaid Phillip Jeffries and Hunt Blue Timorous Beasties wallcoverings add mesmerizing layers.

The living room is set up for intimate concerts by the fire with a white grand piano positioned close to a natural stone fireplace. "I play a lot of instruments and have since third grade. But I really just like to jam," says Jeff of his love for music and instrumentation. Ted Boerner chairs surround a playful coffee table by Jean De Merry and a vintage brown leather tufted sofa while a pair of subtle wingback chairs flank an Ironies table being used for very serious games of chess.

Quite possibly one of the most romantic rooms in the home is the master bathroom, which features an original clawfoot tub floating in the room that is surrounded by an edgy graphic wallcovering by Elitis Azzurro. Ivory drapes made of Pindler Darnell Ivory piped in Nomadic Chic leather puddle the floor, adding a layer of glamour while still retaining a country feel.

Every corner of this Wine Country escape is full of thoughtful design that allows for an effervescent breeze to flow and memories to be continually made. —Lindsey Shook



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TOP: THE LIVING ROOM SERVES AS A STAGE FOR THE FAMILY'S MUSICAL PERFORMANCES. BOTTOM: A VIBRANT BLUE RUG FROM THE RUG COMPANY COMPLIMENTS SHADES OF COPPER AND BROWN IN THE DINING ROOM.



TOP: A VIEW OF THE DREAMY MASTER BATH WITH A FLOATING CLAWFOOT TUB. MIDDLE: THE POOL AND POOLHOUSE ON THE GRASSY HILLS. BOTTOM: THE OPEN KITCHEN IS PERFECT FOR ENTERTAINING.

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