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MOUNTAIN ELEGANCE

Set atop a mountain, this second home in Stowe was intended by the owners to be a relaxing place for friends, family and business associates to gather while in Vermont. The stunning views were the inspiration for the design. Not wanting to miss a moment of the gorgeous sunsets, the architect positioned the kitchen, dining room and living rooms to take full advantage of the view, with large full-length windows in each room. The open floor plan lends itself to entertaining large groups while the furnishings and warm wood details create a cozy feel not often found in larger homes.

The owners worked closely with their design team to create a warm and inviting environment. Natural materials abound in this home, from the heart pine floors and cabinetry to the honed granite countertops and from the ironwork to the fieldstone fireplace that is the focal point of the great room. While some of the contents of the home were commissioned out of state, like the

unique light fixture over the dining room table, created to look like candles on a tray, many items were found right in our own backyard. Rugs were custom ordered or made through proprietors like Vincent Fernandez and Dave Hunt at Vermont Custom Rug, while many of the accessories are from Vermont artists such as Simon Pearce and Miranda Thomas Pottery. And in an effort to further support the arts in Vermont, much of the artwork that fills the walls is from local artists as well.

This mountain top retreat is a testament to the richness that Vermont has to offer, not only in the workmanship of the products used, but in the homage it pays to the beautiful landscape. Truly a space for the family to enjoy.

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Interiors: Truex, Cullins and Partners

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