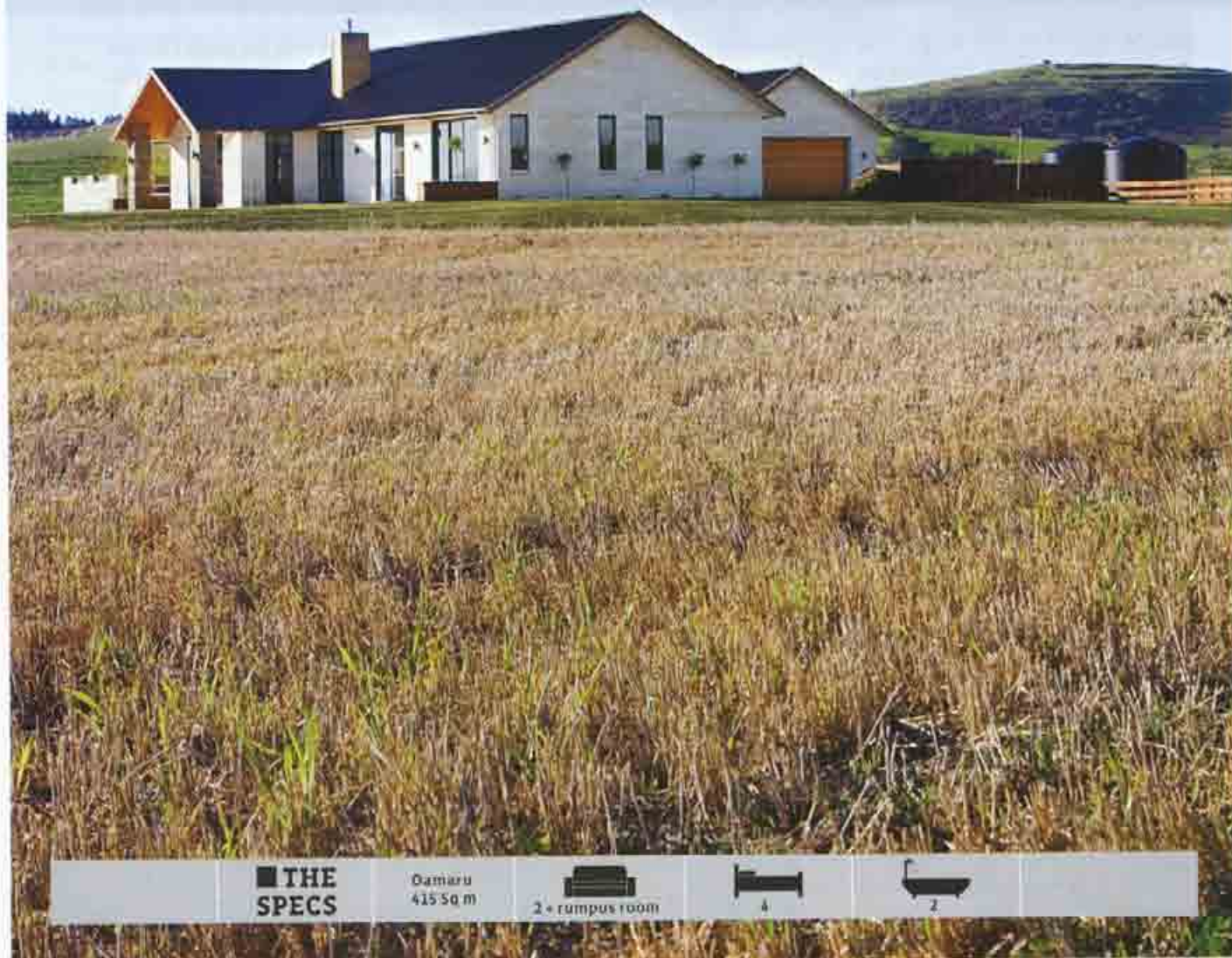


# Built to Last

Rural Oamaru is the perfect backdrop for a country-inspired, builder's own home.

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Oamaru  
415 Sq m

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FOR DAVE AND DENISE MORE, THE owners of **David Reid Homes Waitaki**, it's their job to know good homes. They spend their working life striving to build houses that meet their clients' high expectations, so they wanted nothing but the best when it came to their family home. Set upon 40 acres of land, his new residence has been designed to sit in harmony with the landscape. A combination of natural materials, such as stone and timber, have been used extensively both inside and outside the home, and seek to enhance the southern-heartland style. "We chose a traditional farm look," says Dave, "to blend with the area and landscape." Rather than protrude from the site, the idea was for the home to appear as part of surroundings.

To craft his home from the best stone available, Dave naturally wanted to use a stone that was from his native Oamaru. He relied upon **Parkside Quarries Ltd** for an Oamaru Limestone veneer, which was quarried directly from the Limestone Hills of North Otago. Oamaru stone is a prestigious natural building material, and as with any stone, it is hardwearing and strong. Parkside Quarries Ltd are the sole New Zealand supplier for Oamaru Limestone

within the building industry.

The two large stone columns at the front of the house are another visually interesting inclusion. **The Stone Man** sourced central Otago schist for Dave's home, building the columns to create a strong entrance feature. As well-known local stonemasons, The Stone Man work on all types of intricate stone work, and take pride in the specialised nature of their craft. For this house, the columns sit in harmony with the Oamaru stone,

as well as with the timber details. Supplied by Cluden Quarries, this particular schist is of the highest quality, and is therefore easier to work with than other available schist.

The roof is another feature of the exterior that makes a big impact on the home. Supplied and installed by **Stratco NZ Ltd**, the Superdek roof was selected in colour Ebony, with a matching Ebony Quad gutter system. The Superdek roof is a very modern



**LEFT** Oamaru stone sourced locally was the main cladding material, with other local stone used to form the two entrance pillars.

**RIGHT** The home has an underground wine cellar, and a glass portion of floor in the foyer provides a glimpse of the cellar to visitors.

profile, exhibiting clean lines and simple angles, for both residential and commercial use. Made from Coloursteel, these type of roof profiles can be formed in various styles, with a full colour range available to suit any exterior palette. Stratco NZ Ltd specialise in both the manufacture and installation of a range of roof profiles.

The interior of the Mores' new home draws on the surrounding countryside for inspiration. Two large Cedar double doors mark the entrance into the home, and in the foyer, a large raking ceiling lined with Macrocarpa is impossible not to notice overhead. Another feature that is hard to ignore is the section of floor that is made entirely from glass. Below is the home's extensive cellar, which boasts an incredible selection of wine.

When it came to making home decorating decisions, Denise worked closely with Maree Hynes, of **Maree Hynes Interiors**. She completely took charge, sourcing and selecting all of the fabrics, colours, wallpaper, furniture and floor coverings for the home. In the living area, Maree specified and made stunning Taffeta drapes by James Dunlop in Orsini Graphite, with Charles Parsons drapes in Diamante Onyx in the lounge. This fabric was paired with a feature wall of James Dunlop Florence Plain wallpaper. The entrance area also features modern wallpaper, by Villa Nova. To help her clients make decisions, Maree has an exciting new show room and mobile show room where she exhibits a wide selection of her preferred fabrics, furniture and accessories.

Another important interior decision rested with the floor coverings. The Moores engaged the services of **Simpson's Flooring Xtra Oamaru**, who worked with Maree to supply carpet and tiles for the home. A Feltex Whitby Coal carpet was chosen, which is made from 80% wool and 20% nylon, in a cut-





**ABOVE** The living area features an Escea gas fire, which heats the room and provides ambience.

**RIGHT** A black granite counter creates a dramatic effect in the kitchen against the white spray lacquered joinery. Frosted glass was used as a feature for the cabinetry above the cooking station.

pile finish. Rated as commercial grade heavy duty, the carpet is suitable for extreme family life or light-commercial use. In the foyer, an Everstone Durastone polished 600x600 Bottocino tile was selected. The same tile in a 300x600 style was placed in the kitchen and on the bathroom walls, with a matt version on the bathroom floors. An Everstone metallic crystal champagne tile was

decided upon as a feature product, and placed above the bath.

As the centre of the home, the kitchen also warranted careful design consideration. Designed and made by Millennium Joinery, the kitchen is placed to run in a galley-style, with a large island taking centre stage. A hardwearing Galaxy Black granite benchtop adorns the island unit, as well as the smaller piece of bench on the rear wall, with the black also mimicked by the coloured glass splashback. The cabinetry complements the neutral walls, with a spray lacquered Gloss White finish selected. The cabinet doors all operate with a soft close motion, adding to the luxurious feel of the kitchen as a whole.

To keep the house cosy and warm through winter, the Moores chose an Escea gas fire for the lounge. The Escea IB 850 fire not only looks great, it offers an exceptional 9kw heating function, as well as wireless remote control for the ultimate in convenience. These clever, thermostatically controlled fires also have a flame effect function, allowing the ambience of flames with





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a minimum of gas usage. The Escea IB series offers an exceptional "i-con" control, which means the Moores can switch the fire on via their cell phone, so they can arrive home to a toasty warm fire blazing in the lounge.

Working on the home from the very early stages of design through to the finished product was **Laser Electrical Oamaru**. They installed all of the electrical related fixtures and fittings into the home, and also supplied all the assorted fittings required, with the exception of the lights. Their job started with the laying of cables to the house, and making sure power points, switches and lights were placed where required. Laser Electrical have long been the electrician of choice for David Reid Homes, because of their innovative and solution driven approach to the lighting

and electrical plans for new houses.

With so many new homes bearing their name, David Reid Homes Waitaki love nothing more than building great dwellings. Dave may have had all the resources at his fingertips when it came to building his own home, but his experience is one he always tries to replicate for his customers. "We enjoy building architecturally designed houses, and every home we construct comes with a Master Builders' Guarantee," explains Dave. "We also offer a full project management service to take the stress out of building, as well as interior design, kitchen design and electrical design for the homes we build." They also have 62 standard plans, which can all be modified, available to those customers who do not want to create a plan from scratch. ■