

SUSTAINABLE COMMERCIAL DESIGN

AWARDS 2015

PROJECT: QUINTESSA TASTING PAVILIONS
PROJECT LOCATION: RUTHERFORD
ARCHITECT: WALKER WARNER ARCHITECTS
INTERIOR DESIGNER: MACA HUNEUS DESIGN
FIRM LOCATIONS: SAN FRANCISCO



KNOWN FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY red meritage wines, Quintessa is the quintessential California winery. Modern in taste and bold in its mission, Quintessa strives to protect its environmental footprint with the best agricultural and architectural practices. Pests are managed through the use of organic materials, cover crops and other innovative practices, and only when required.

Nothing short of unexpected is the tasting experience at the winery itself, which exemplifies the ideal fusion of architecture and nature. Nestled within a remarkable 280-acre estate in Napa Valley, the Quintessa family turned to Walker Warner Architects and Maca Huneus Design to enhance the tasting experience by creating private tasting areas with panoramic views of the estate. The result: three 250-square-foot open-air pavilions that provide amazing structural

community spaces without disturbing the surrounding oak trees.

The pavilions are constructed out of board formed fly-ash concrete walls and locally made concrete paving, set in sand. The prefabricated roof structure utilizes high-recycled content steel that provides maximum openness and cross ventilation. The built-in casework and wood ceiling of each pavilion's low-slung roof is made of reclaimed "sinker" cypress wood, while the site retaining walls are made of locally quarried Napa Syar stone. Interior designer Maca Huneus made custom furnishings out of FSC-certified Afromosia and used all low-VOC finishes. – Lindsey Shook

"THE OVERALL SUSTAINABLE APPROACH IS ABOUT CREATING A UNIQUE TASTING EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS WITH A PROTECTED SHELTER THAT REMAINS LIGHT ON THE LAND." – Walker Warner Architects