

Perisher Creek Lodge (unbuilt)

PERISHER VALLEY, NSW

The Oatleys family wanted to have a ski Lodge that would allow them to meet up on location with family and friends and still maintain a high level of privacy and comfort. They required the lodge to have a very minimal footprint on the land and integrate with the surrounding landscape. METIER3 proposed to subvert the idea of the traditional lodge atop a mountain by attempting to peel back the landscape to house the required program.

The site's protruding rock formations are referenced when adding structure that breaches the landscape and a series of strategies for bringing light in are utilised including courtyards, light wells and 'fault lines' or separation of ground plates, responding to the complex programme.

The main bulk of the house is located underground allowing double height spaces and views carved out from the slope of the hill. The circulation caters to functions by using a central spine, a core on which the house pivots and an organic meander which responds to the landscape. Private views, both horizontal and vertical allow for selective transparency and the texture of the protruding rock is left exposed to blend into the constructed form. In winter, the house gets covered in snow and can be skied on to facilitate the ski-in and ski-out.

Location

Perisher Valley, NSW

Client

The Oatleys family

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