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COUNTRY HOUSE ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN

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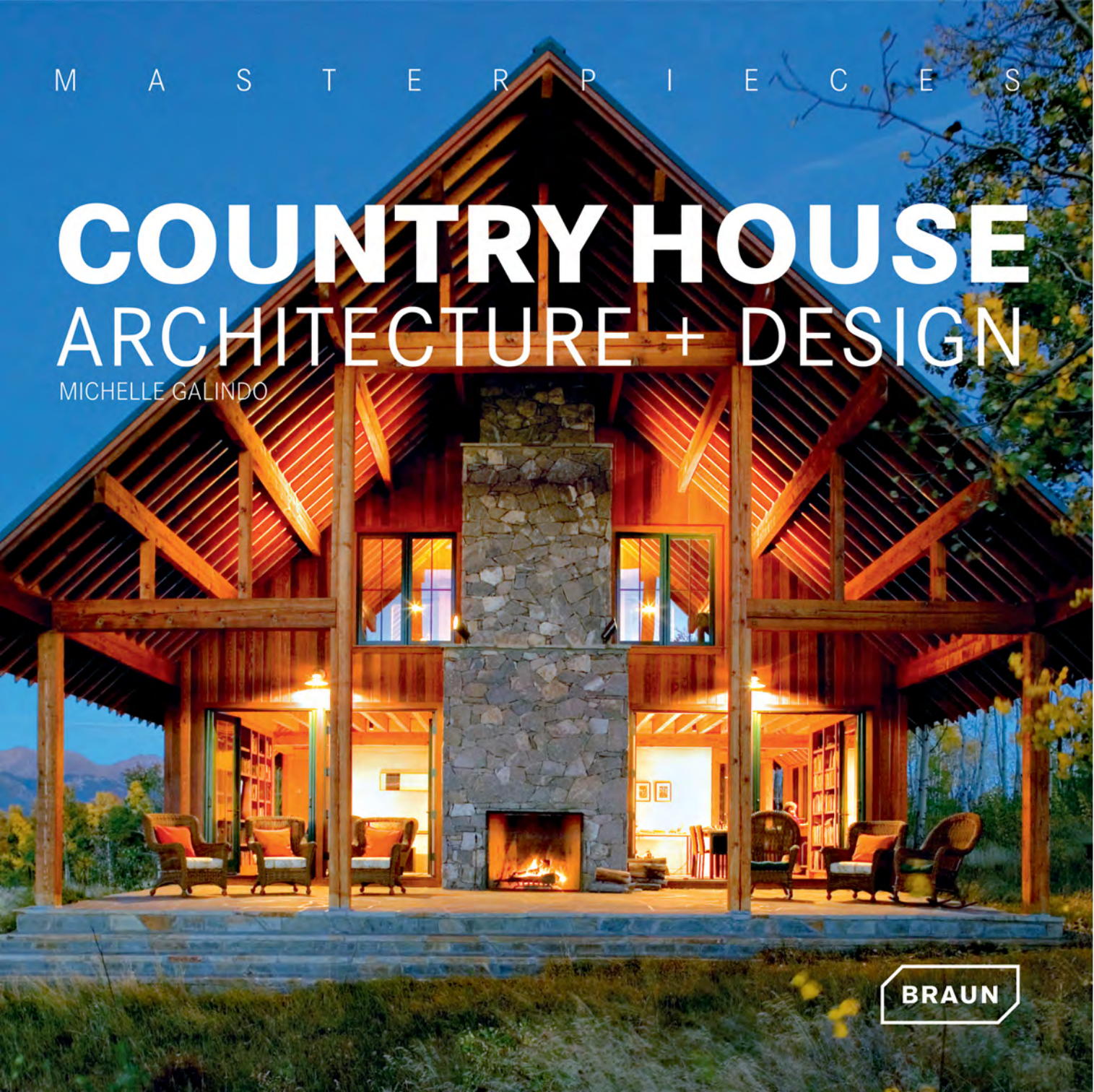

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BLUFF FARMHOUSE,
UPPER HUNTER VALLEY (NSW), AUSTRALIA

RICHARD COLE ARCHITECTURE

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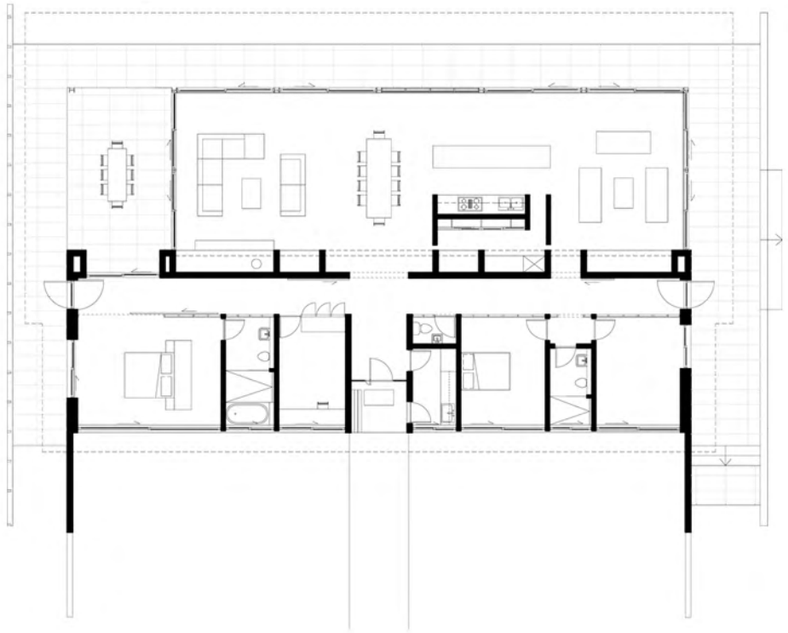
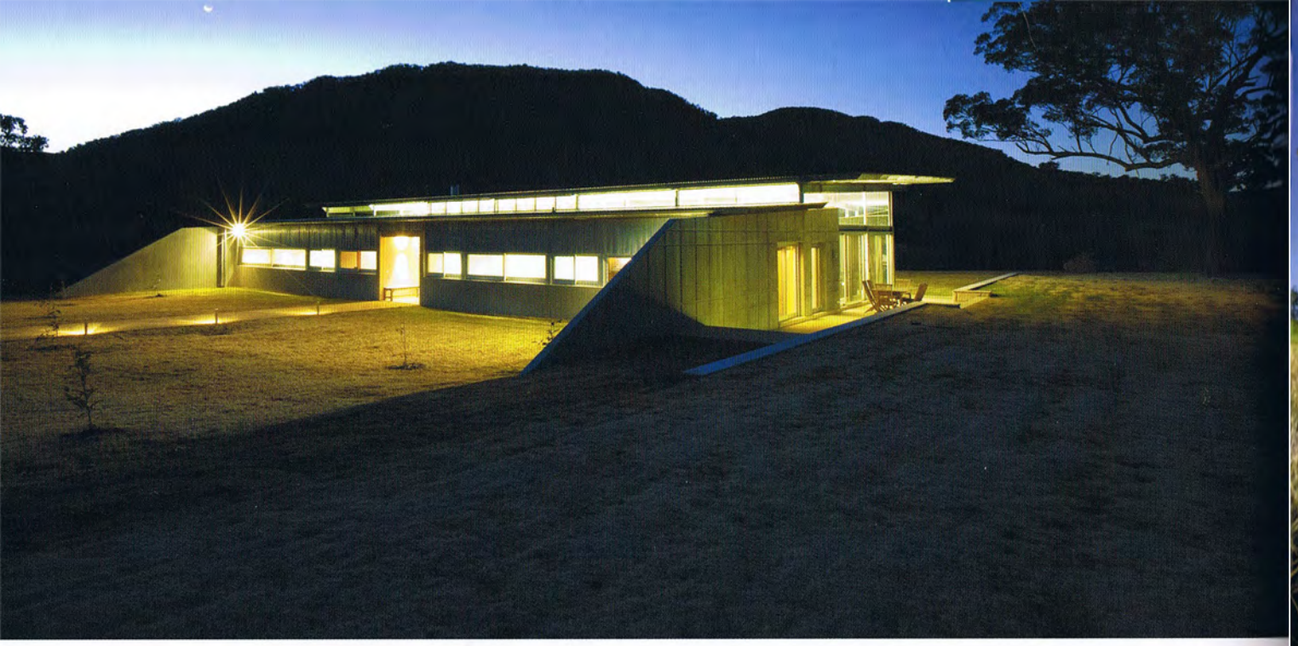
Completion: 2008, **Gross floor area:** 3230 sq. ft. / 300 m², **Photos:** Simon Wood Photography.



Left: Exterior view. | Right: Floor plan.

The contemporary farmhouse responds to the strong pastoral appeal of the site – a grassy, hilly terrain overlooking a meandering river and an awesome valley. According to the architects, "The essential concept of the house reflects the way in which the owner has always used this place: setting up a table on the grass under the shade of the tree." A cool, glass-enclosed exterior features a contemporary, overhanging roof that provides some shade from the hot afternoon sun. An interior palette of "raw" materials – concrete, galvanized steel, sandstone, recycled timber and plywood, complements the edgy exterior.



From left to right, from above to below:
The enveloping walls shield the bedrooms, barn-like doors open up the bedroom.