

# Living with the Gods

Above the clouds, ocean views, eclectic, stunning design — can it ever get any better than this?

*Luxury Home Design* magazine gets to see the **L**very best houses in Australia and around the world. Every now and then, however, even we catch our breath and this is one of those times. As you fly over the sub-tropical landscape below with the blue pacific glistening on your right, you circle around a soaring extinct volcanic cone mountain and land on the helicopter pad. The owners had the perspicacity to blend the multi-pod roof shape into the very landscape and this gives the house a daedal quality that inspires the senses.

Working with leading house designer Ben Thornton and multi-award-winning house builder Mick Devlin of Braeden Constructions, the owners brought the very best of a global and cosmopolitan lifestyle into this residence.

Already in contention for a number of awards, the house clearly avoids the pretentious nature that some houses on the coast suffer from. The list of key elements in this house that make it truly unique is endless. Soaring out from the ancient volcanic rock, the house is on four levels that flow easily from inside to outside, views that would inspire you to become an artist, a scale that intrigues, a fire pit that seems primordial, waterfalls, huge outdoor entertaining area, a premium kitchen, a technical spec that would be at home on a space shuttle, ancient timbers and Zen gardens. The qualities and aspects are seemingly endless.

Meticulously laid out to take advantage of its position and location, the attention to detail is nonpareil. The house has a clear concinnity. Even with the paint. As international colour consultant Laura Miller advises, "A lot of people think that all paint is the same and the only difference is the colour. Paint is visual and tactile; you see and touch it everywhere in a home and it can significantly add value to the resale value of a house if done well or make it unsellable if done badly!"

That is certainly not the case with this house. Such is the level of quality control that the owners appointed master painter and decorator Charles Zarafa of Colours Galore. Colours Galore is well known in the south-east Queensland area as

A prime location is not spoiled by pretentious design, but instead conceived with refinement in mind.





