

mt lofty cellar door

Year: 2012

Location: Mt Lofty Ranges Vineyard , SA



The Brief: To design an original alternative to the typical vineyard cellar door.

Design Response: To create a seamless blend with the surrounding vineyard and a space that responds to the expanse of the adjacent vines while embracing the use of vernacular materials.

The structure reflects the traditional posts and wires used to support the vines with massive timbers assembled in a portal frame construction for the wine tasting area and food preparation areas. Much of the construction also uses reclaimed materials: old weathered beams from a sheep sheering shed and timber floor boards from a nearby village hall.

The exterior uses traditional materials and is clad with galvanised corrugated tin with a traditional deep profile. The ceiling reflects this too, however it is detailed to not only provide insulations but also sound attenuation in what otherwise would be a very acoustically bright space.

Finally the seated area reflects a more contemporary feel with the use of lower ceilings and modern materials.