



A two-step cantilevered elevation serves as an outdoor living room with a ventless fireplace veneered with LedgeStone and flanked with polished concrete benches. The daybed in the center is a good place to relax and enjoy the view.

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Champagne classic LedgeStone and flanked with polished concrete benches and bold geometric slanting planters, both of which are wrapped in Mangaris.

In front of the fireplace is a daybed where Dale says he and Maria like to snuggle in the evening, looking out on the sunset and San Luis Rey Valley.

Other times they'll share a glass of wine on a wooden bench in the side yard that is facing east and is surrounded by organic fruit trees, including lemon, kumquat, strawberry (*Arbutus unedo*) and an Anna apple tree, which flourishes in the warmer San Diego climate.

Raised flowerbeds offer heirloom grape tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, herbs and edible flowers.



Travertine flooring defines the outdoor rooms. Landscaper Juan Dorta-Duque divided the property into four distinct spaces with a contemporary look. MINDY MELLEBRUCH PHOTOS

"A Northern California wine country trip inspired our garden side yard," Dale explained. "A winery that we visited had a

large organic garden that they encouraged visitors to explore while tasting wine. The idea was to sample whatever fruit or

vegetable was in season to better understand how food can change the taste of wine, and wine can change the taste of food."

With a low-volume spray and drip system, Juan recommends 18 months for a garden's plant material to become well-established. After that, water can continue to be tapered off as the plants mature.

Since installing the Disharrows' landscaping in January 2014, Juan has acquired five new clients on the block.

As much as Dale loves the garden and outdoor living areas, he says his favorite aspect of the landscaping is the lighting. "Not only does the lighting enable us to use our yard after dark, it means the yard can be enjoyed even when we're inside looking out," he said.

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