

A HOUSE LIKE NO OTHER

BLOWING ROCK'S MASONRY MASTERPIECE



High in the Blue Ridge Mountains...

there's a home that stops you in your tracks – not because it's flashy, but because it's timeless. Built with care, vision, and craftsmanship rarely seen in this century, this house is a tribute to the art of masonry.

From the moment you arrive, it's clear this is no ordinary build. The home is a celebration of traditional masonry architecture. It's packed with timeless elements that feel more like a European estate than a modern mountain retreat. Freestanding arches greet you around every turn. The entire structure is wrapped in a rich blend of handmade brick and custom limestone. The level of detail is nearly impossible to replicate – and that's the point.



Inside, the details keep coming.

Interior masonry shows up not just as support, but as design – from tight bed joints that create crisp accents (exhibit A) to fireplaces with sharp to angled profiles, every small detail has a purpose. Beautiful Flemish bond brickwork even shows up in closets – a bold move that worked perfectly. The inglenook fireplace is of another era, creating a warm,

welcoming space that bridges past and present. Multiple small masonry arches creatively and beautifully create an old world feel on one of the verandas overlooking the limitless views. The true half round firebox openings add just the right amount of interest to be outstanding. Sometimes it's just small things.

The dovecote. Wow.

A statement in craftsmanship, it's one of the highlights of the landscaping and serenity of the external property (exhibit B). Hand molded brick is used on every corner to ensure every joint is as clean as it is beautiful. Structurally strong and aesthetically pleasing, the dovecote is the perfect example of what masonry was and still can be.

What really sets this home apart is the precision.

Clean uniform brick joints define the interior masonry, giving it a crisp, polished look that is as beautiful as it is impressive. Built on a concrete structural frame, the masonry is not just veneer – it is the backbone. Every decision, every detail, tells the story of what's possible when old-world craft meets new-world ambition. Brick is not just the skin, it's the soul of the home.



It's rare to see a design that celebrates both the simplicity and the intricacy of masonry in the same project — and pulls it off this well.

The architect's vision, rooted in tradition but shaped for today, made this possible.

And none of it would have happened without an owner who trusted that vision. Believing in masonry not just as a look, but as a strong, lasting, and sustainable choice that will stand the test of time.

