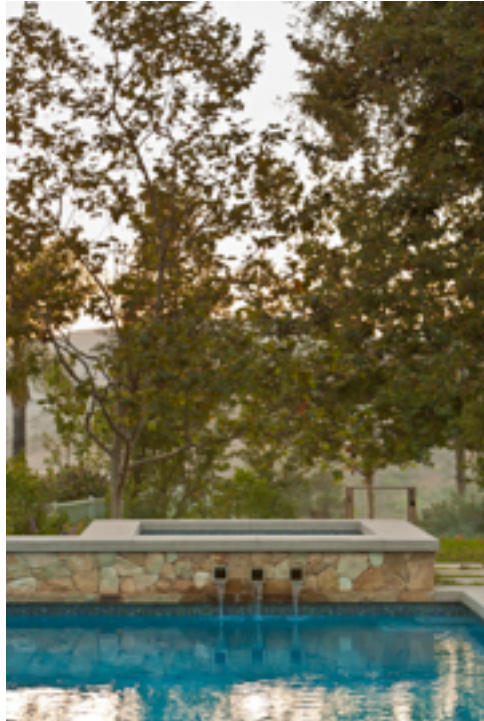




3.



Three stainless steel scuppers add balance to the asymmetry of the spa and pool raised bond beam composition. The view from the spa, under the canopy of sycamores, reveals the adjacent open space. A stone hand hold in the deep end aids in swimming laps.

4.



The transition from the upper, more manicured human centered landscape to the lower, natural landscape that abuts Open Space. Swaths of Baccharis line the path on the far side of the glass pool safe fence, continuing the green ribbon of the lawn. Curving DG and flagstone paths let you slow down and experience the California native plants.

5.



A peaceful evening by the fire. A casual gravel patio is a transition between the stone dining patio and the pool, and is also a permeable material.

6.



At night, the pool is inviting and serene, blending with the sunset. LED lights in the pool and spa offer a variety of colors to suit any mood. Low voltage lighting on separate circuits offers flexibility for effect, energy conservation, and minimizing light pollution when possible.

7.



Seen at day and also at night, staggered concrete steps from the lower, more natural level, lead to the spa and pool. A large existing oak frames the view on the left, and the fireplace provides massing and screening on the right.

8.



The finely crafted Bel-Air stonework on the corner fireplace has a rustic texture but is fit together with precision. Poured-in-place concrete caps and hearth are a simple counterpoint.

9.



Seen from under the canopy of a *Quercus agrifolia*, the pool and hardscape's geometry is apparent, but softened by warm toned rubble stone and California native plants. Looking back towards the house from the lower level of the property, a sinuous decomposed granite path leads to the glass fence and concrete steps flanked by boulders. Meadow and chaparral plantings continue the open feeling from the lawn down to the property line.

10.



At the end of the day, the homeowners witness a seamless transition from cultivated landscape to natural landscape, providing inspiration for their creative professions.