



At Merge Studio, landscape architecture means a duty to the client and environment. A team of seven professionals come together to create personal, functionally artful, and welcoming outdoor spaces that honor a site's identity and story through the fusion of land, water, plant life, and architectural elements.

"From site planning and concept design to infrastructure and plant selection, we all have our areas of expertise," says site planner Rachel Deschner. "When we sit down to develop plans, we're asking questions and talking with our pencils to solve problems."

"We're a family," continues horticulturist and arborist Amy Bush. "We love building a team to develop a space where our clients can connect to the outdoors; it's essential for physical and mental well-being."

Centering the firm's approach is a deep understanding of the North Bay region and how to navigate its challenges, whether designing defensible space against wildfires or ensuring drainage

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The long view captured reflects the sunrise over the distant Mayacamas Range. Quiet and concealed upon the approach, the ascent reveals your arrival. Signature steel planters provide warmth to a lush oak woodland. Photos by Cheryl Ramsay, ramsayphotography.com

systems are efficient and sound. The result: a composition of rhythm, texture, and form that addresses the practical needs of a space through art.

Nestled in the hills with expansive Russian River Valley views, a local residence sits soundly in the surrounding environment. Merge Studio navigated demanding grading and drainage requirements while creating an artful, inviting, and gracious living space tailored to the client and their family.

"Landscape architecture is a science and an art that needs to pay respect to our environment," says landscape architect Cary Bush. "Our planet and outdoor world is always breathing and dynamic. We want to give back to it with everything we do."