

HIDE AND SEEK

The Architecture of
Cabins and Hide-Outs





Boisset House

Architect/Location: **Savioz Fabrizzi Architectes**
Valais, Switzerland

Originally built for agricultural use, this old wooden structure takes on a second life as a charming Alpine retreat. Renovated from a small existing cabin, the new update stages a comfortable and contemporary holiday home that takes advantage of the mountainous landscape. Leaving the exterior virtually untouched, the renovation focuses on the interior, where new openings improve views to nature. Organized in three levels, the entry and shared living spaces occupy the middle floor. Below, the children's bedroom and bathroom are

set into the steep hillside. Half-way embedded into the earth, a window made from the original cattle door frames the space and grants it a rustic sensibility. An upper level holds the master bedroom, with arguably the best views over the valley. The rugged and aged exterior dramatically contrasts with the new larch wood interior. With special attention to craftsmanship, the home exudes a warm and inviting atmosphere—the perfect hideout for a winter getaway.





Savioz House

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A barn built in 1882 becomes a charming contemporary holiday home. Set in the middle of picturesque fields, the structure's most recent intervention reveals the history of the building. The striking renovation highlights all the materials used in the façade over the years. Unified beneath a dark painted finish, the original stones, the bricks added in the 1980s, and the contemporary concrete modifications are all disclosed and showcased side by side. Far from the

smooth appearance of some holiday chalets, the rugged façade treatment celebrates the functional aspect of the ancient barn. The living room, embraced by fields and forest, opens up to nature. Here, four boxes covered with dark wood emphasize the corners of the space. These boxes are separated with large floor to ceiling windows which can be opened wide, dramatically extending the interior into the outdoors.