

Alvarado Road Residence

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



AWARD

1995 AIA East Bay Design Awards, Merit Award

DESCRIPTION

Concrete piers that survived the Oakland Hills fire established the skewed geometry of this house: square to the street, rotated beyond to bay views. The different levels of the house open directly onto the landscape, under roofs that correspond to the steep site.

The approach descends through a garden between the studio and house. The studio echoes the entry tower, but the material palate is reversed. Inside, the downward path continues. Floor levels step down towards the view; ceiling heights are scaled to room sizes. The stairwell pierces all levels, linking and lighting them from a skylight above.