



**DARRELL SCHMITT DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
**Interior Designer**

Darrell Schmitt has enjoyed a career as an interior designer for more than 30 years, with projects ranging from private residences to some of the world's most acclaimed hotels and spas. Darrell Schmitt Design Associates has been retained to design the interiors of Auberge Resorts' Calistoga Ranch, now under construction in Napa Valley.

Schmitt's career is long and varied, starting with residential projects undertaken by his first firm in New Orleans. After several years of success under his own shingle, Schmitt decided that he wanted to expand his knowledge of hospitality design with a mentor. He joined the venerable firm of James Northcutt in Los Angeles, where he worked on such projects as the Peninsula Beverly Hills, The Four Seasons Resorts at Hualalai, Kona, Hawaii and in Palm Beach and the Doral Telluride Resort and Spa in Colorado.

In 1998, Schmitt then revived his eponymous firm in Los Angeles and took on several notable hospitality projects, including renovation of the Four Seasons Hotels in Wailea, Maui, and Newport Beach, Calif., and the original design concept and execution of Casa del Mar in Santa Monica, Calif. Schmitt's portfolio of work also includes several commercial and residential projects.

It is Schmitt's residential experience, combined with his hospitality talents, that will serve him well on the firm's newest project, Calistoga Ranch. The Ranch is conceived as a vintner's private estate, with individual lodges dotting the heavily wooded landscape. The seamless flow of indoor and outdoor spaces will be unified through the use of rustic natural materials, such as rough-hewn wood posts and beams, shake shingles, dry-stacked stone and walls of glass to afford the best possible views. Indoor appointments will be of the highest residential quality, with natural slate, granite and handmade tile baths and kitchens with top-of-the-line appliances. Living areas will be appointed with tactile fabrics such as natural linen and plush, hand-woven chenille, with fine Tibetan wool carpets underfoot. Beds will be refreshingly simple, with crisp, white linens encasing luxurious down duvets and pillows.

Schmitt has conceived this project as embodying the very best of the Craftsman spirit, emphasizing the integrity of natural materials, but with a thoroughly contemporary sensibility.

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