



# The Essence of Contemporary Mediterranean Living

**Ramón Esteve**

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- Featuring 11 signature private residences in the Mediterranean
- Reflects Ramón Esteve's philosophy on creating a home, where place, light, scale, and materiality converge to craft a unique experience

Ramón Esteve Estudio is a multidisciplinary architecture and design studio known for creating spaces that seamlessly blend light, materiality, and structure into harmonious environments. Deeply rooted in the Mediterranean spirit yet open to global influences, the studio approaches each project as a dialogue between the site and the client. For Esteve, architecture is a balance of technical mastery and artistic sensitivity—where function and beauty come together to create meaningful, lasting spaces. Inspired by vernacular traditions and guided by contemporary principles, the studio's work transforms houses into true homes: emotional, sensory, and timeless.

This book, featuring 11 signature private residences in the Mediterranean, reflects Ramón Esteve's philosophy on creating a home—a fusion of manifesto and laboratory, where place, light, scale, and materiality converge to craft a unique experience. The Mediterranean remains a strong cultural and emotional anchor, though his approach extends beyond borders.

Each project begins with a conversation between the client and the context, with the ultimate goal of creating a genuine home. For Esteve, architecture is both a craft and a discipline—grounded in sensitivity and technical expertise. Every design is tailor-made, transcending mere function to become a stage for life.

For Esteve, the ideal home is one that feels instinctively familiar from the very first moment—an emotional, cultural, and existential refuge.

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