



ON LOCATION

SUN VALLEY

When one envisions a luxury ski town, breathtaking mountains, world-class skiing, fine dining and cultural pursuits come to mind. Sun Valley embodies these and more ... with authenticity running through its core. Such down-to-earth sophistication attracts visitors and residents year-round looking to live, work and play here. The area's industry experts prove no different, embracing quality, craftsmanship and community in every pursuit.



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Ask anyone who frequents Sun Valley what they value most about the locale and one word is sure to be uttered: community. Known for its endless outdoor activities, small businesses and healthy pace of living, the region welcomes families of all kinds to gather, make memories and thrive among friends. It was this lifestyle that beckoned to architect Scott Payne and his wife Shannon some years ago, when they transitioned from occasionally vacationing in the valley to living there full-time. As the Paynes planted more permanent roots, so did

Scott's firm, Farmer Payne Architects. Today, he and fellow founding principal Jamie Farmer split their time between studios in Jackson Hole, Sun Valley and Louisiana. The designs they create are often informed by site-derived inspirations and local sentiments. In Sun Valley, this means embodying the good life. "More often than not, we are designing retreats," Scott says. "This makes every project a unique and exciting challenge. It's special to gear a home toward how a couple will enjoy a weekend away or play with their kids or host their grandkids."



ARTS, CULTURE, VIBRANCE

"We are lucky to have many special events that encourage local artists and musicians," Scott shares. "Sun Valley Center Wine Auction, Sun Valley Film Festival, Sun Valley Writers' Conference, Sun Valley Music Festival—it all supports a growing community of creators. To live in a place that reveres the arts is something special, and it has developed a market that allows us to do what we love, too."

Make The Most Of Valley Time

What should visitors be sure not to miss? Scott has a few answers.

- + A sleigh ride to **Trail Creek**
- + Catching an Ice Show at **Sun Valley Lodge**
- + Gondola rides to **The Roundhouse**
- + Burgers and a schooner at **Grumpy's**
- + A trip north for snowshoeing at **Galena Lodge**
- + All there is to see and do during the **Trailing of the Sheep Festival**

1. A V-shaped butterfly roof distinguishes the design of this home, creating a canopy for sunlight to passively heat the home using solar energy. **2.** Situated atop a ridge, this home features a modern dining space with expansive windows that highlight the view. **3.** Embracing materiality, this courtyard brings together reclaimed heavy timbers and limestone quarried from Texas.

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