

Interior Design - Special Mention

Casa 9/3 - 9/3 House (Vilanova i la Geltrú, Barcelona)

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DESCRIPTION OF 9/3 HOUSE

Casa 9/3 stands on the edge of Vilanova i la Geltrú's historic quarter, in an area currently experiencing a significant urban transformation and with a growing population, due to its proximity to Barcelona and Sitges.

The reconfiguration of this former winery, situated between party walls, began with an existing envelope that was almost completely empty inside. There were no floor slabs, and only a fragment of the ground-floor ceiling was left, formed by a ceramic tile vault.

Covered by an original roof approximately 10 metres high, the project introduces a new structural and residential system to the existing shell. The home is organised into nine thirds: three levels and three roughly equal sections on each floor.

The proposal creates a new home where the industrial nature of the composite slabs contrasts with the rammed-earth party walls and the ceramic materials that appear repeatedly throughout the house.

Terracotta or "tobacco red" ceramic tiles match the texture and colour of the rammed-earth party walls.

Traditional ceramic tiles establish a narrative connection with the history of this renovated building, whilst maintaining a contemporary and industrialised vision in keeping with contemporary building trends.

Ceramic tiles feature on the new inner façade and in the restoration of the street front. In both cases, ceramic screens were used to create a cohesive language for two façades built in very different historical periods, forging a link with the overall materiality of the project.

The ceramic tiles used for the flooring (in 14x28 cm and 20x41 cm formats) are combined with more unusual formats, lending a timeless character to the project.

Ceramic tiles in various formats and finishes also feature on the kitchen island and in the wet zones.