



‘The joy of designing this garden was in letting the surrounding landscape inform what we did within the boundaries of the garden ... The challenge was to create a garden that felt as though it extended to the horizon.’

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER HUGH MAIN, 2016

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BARRENGARRY, SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Lead designer: Hugh Main

Photographer: Murray Fredericks

This garden, north of Kangaroo Valley, is set on a plateau with a sandstone escarpment as a distant backdrop. Thoughtfully composed garden spaces, each leading on to the next, conclude in a dramatic maze formed of cloud-pruned shrubs. Key influences on this designer are the rocky terrain and clipped shrubs of Provence in the south of France, and the secluded, understated and reflective character of traditional Japanese gardens. Main also favours a restricted colour palette that emphasises grey-greens with accents of silver.