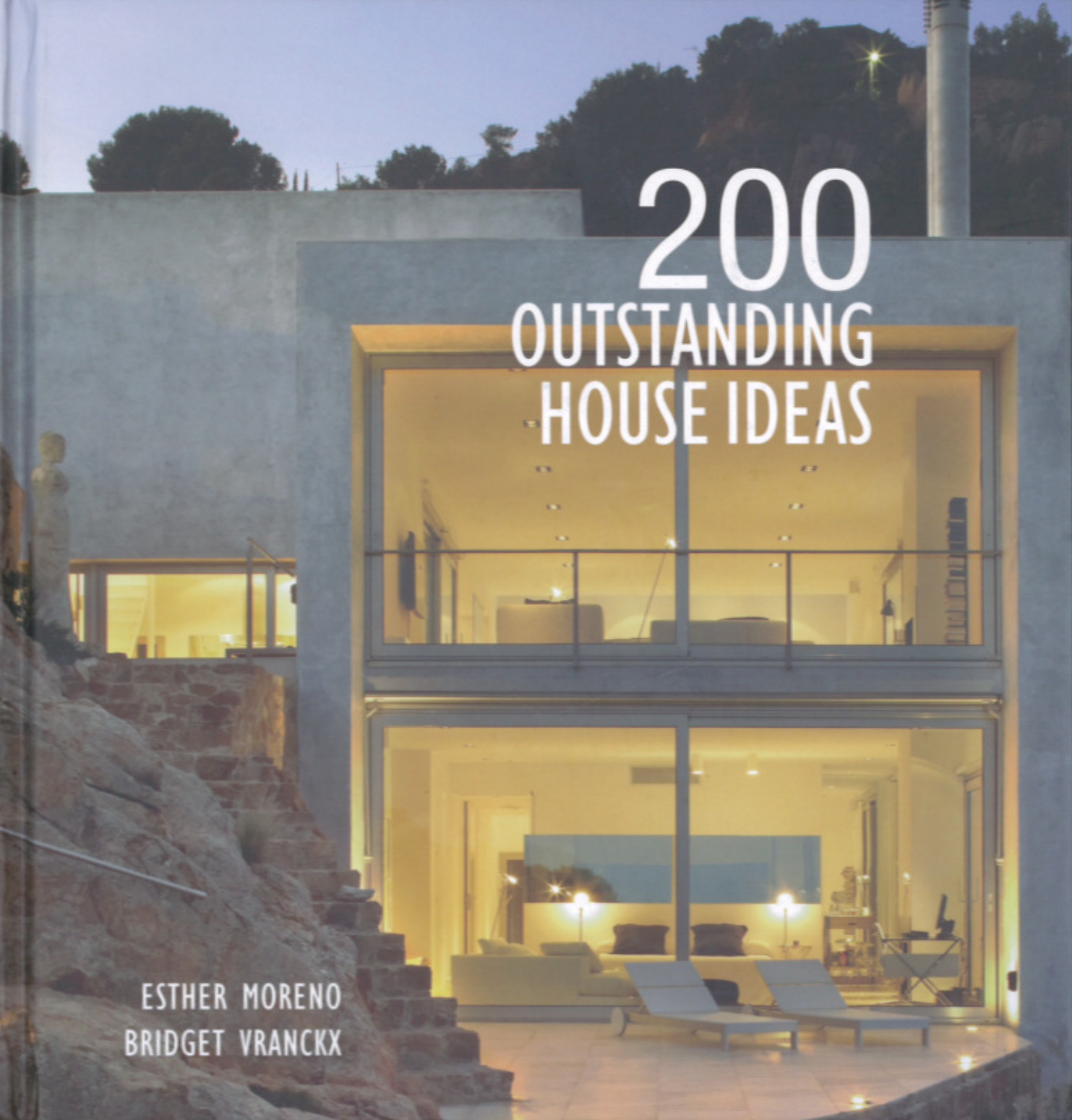

200 OUTSTANDING HOUSE IDEAS

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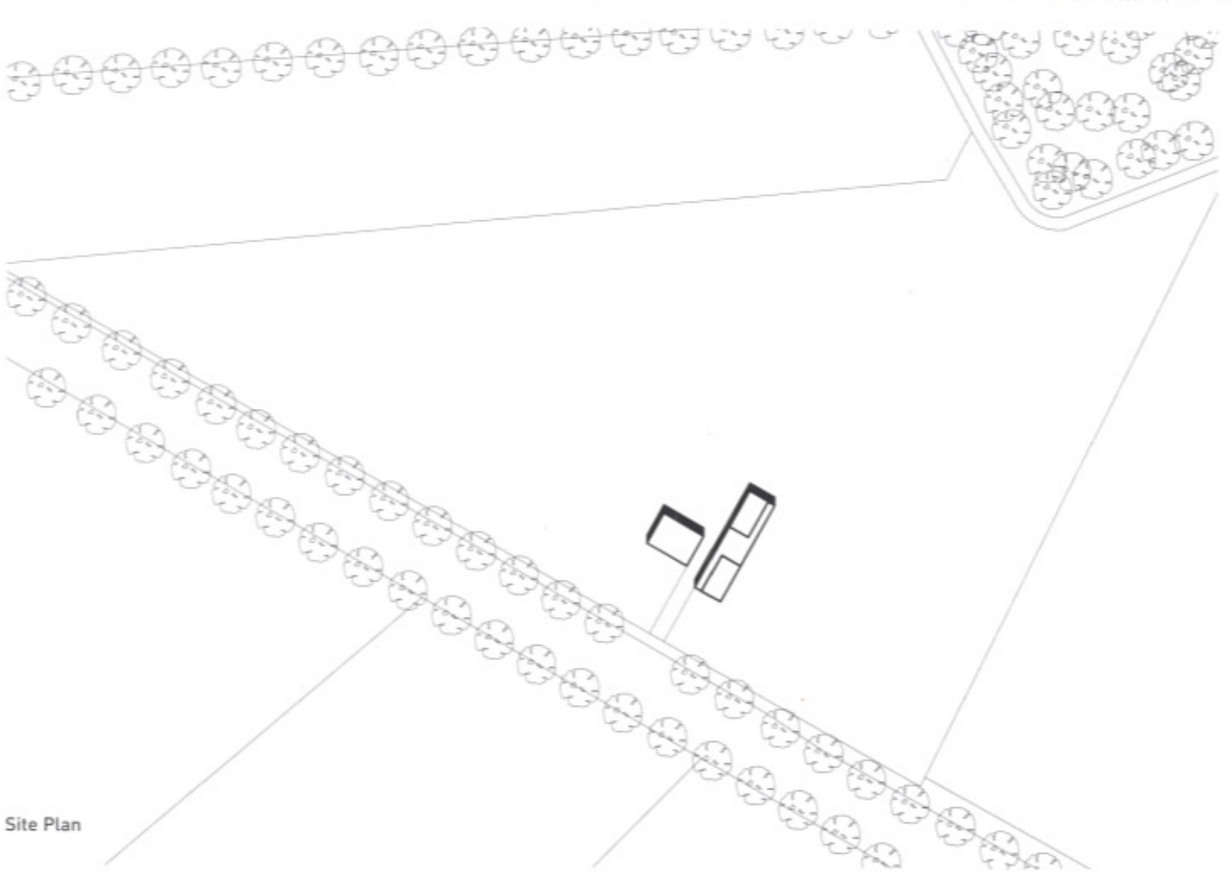
VILLA VRIEZENVEEN

Architect: **Zecc Architecten**
Location: **Vriezenveen, Netherlands**
Date of construction: **2006**
Photography: **Cornbread Works**

The design of this house, located in the idyllic open and flat Dutch landscape, is inspired by the dark silhouettes of historic farmhouses. This black sculpture is an example of how traditional farmhouses are making way for new artificial or abstract dwellings. Though drastically different on the outside, on the inside this villa follows the linear layout of the traditional farmhouse, with the dining table located in the large living room-cum-kitchen as the center of family life.



Site Plan

Located in the open landscape, which unfolds either side of an ancient country lane, this modern farmhouse follows the linear structure of the Dutch countryside.

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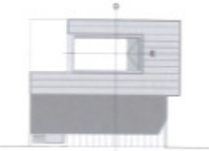
At first glance it may seem as though this modern villa is out of place in the Dutch countryside, but the black zinc used on the outer walls actually blends in better than the orange rooftops of traditional farmhouses.

Three steel portals support two laminate beams, each measuring 3¼ feet high (1 m) and 88½ feet (27 m) long. The walls of the wooden skeleton structure allow overhangs in two directions, creating a carport and covered terrace on either end.

West Elevation

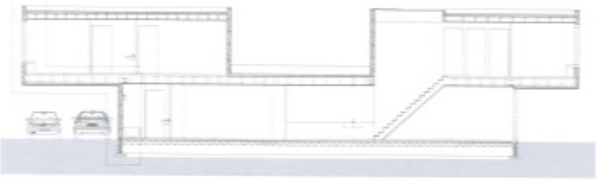
North Elevation — Villa



South Elevation — Villa

South Elevation — Extension

North Elevation — Extension



Longitudinal Section

Traditionally the hub of Dutch houses, the kitchen in this house is the only room with multiple orientations and functions. All the remaining rooms can be accessed from this central space.

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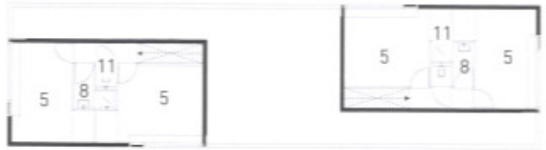
The interior of this farmhouse follows the linear layout of traditional farmhouses. The dining table in the large living-dining-kitchen is the center of family life.

Ground Floor



Second Floor

1 – Hobby room
2 – Storeroom for garden
3 – Storeroom for bikes
4 – Animals room
5 – Bedrooms
6 – Lounge
7 – Storeroom
8 – Bathrooms
9 – Kitchen
10 – Master bedroom
11 – Powder room
12 – Entryway
13 – Carport

All the rooms of this modern Dutch farmhouse have large windows that are oriented towards the surrounding area.