



SHINGLE-STYLE SANCTUARY - BEST IN SHOW

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MA

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JURY COMMENTS:

"Rigorously symmetrical yet relaxed in shape and proportions, this house is very well executed inside and out. It feels appropriately sized for its site and is well detailed. It's by far the best of the Shingle Style submittals."

The project is a new construction of a family compound consisting of two new houses and associated site development. Due to the topography of the nearby dunes, the living spaces of the main and guest houses were located on the second floor in order to gain the panoramic views of the ocean and extended coastline beyond. The challenge was to create a shingle-style island vernacular architecture that did not reflect the upside-down nature of the primary living space.

The inspiration was based on the desire to take a large program and break it into smaller architectural elements based on the idea that the homes could have originally been constructed in the 1920s or 1930s and then added onto over time. This concept of "implied history" creates a legacy of New England's seaside architecture, evolved into how people want to live today.

Marvin® products, with their hurricane-resistant capabilities, were a clear choice based on this locale. The use of the folding door systems allowed for the ease of flow from indoor to outdoor spaces in a timeless way.

MARVIN BAY AND BOW WINDOW, BI-FOLD DOOR, ROUND TOP WINDOW, SPECIAL SHAPE WINDOW, ULTIMATE DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW AND ULTIMATE SWINGING FRENCH DOOR WERE USED.