

Grill Square

Location: Mesa, AZ

In the design of a restaurant in Phoenix, Arizona, this firm not only pushed the boundaries of standard practice by designing everything from the menus and business cards to the furniture and lighting, but also challenged typical techniques of detailing and code constraints. In this design nothing is conventional or left without thought; everything is constructed honestly, left exposed, and celebrated. This idea of visibility is applied to all areas of design from the joints in the furniture, to the mechanical systems in the ceiling, to the food being prepared on the grills. In addition, the boundary between outdoor and indoor is blurred in unconventional ways such as overhead doors allowing access to the bar and caged local rock walls to provide visual privacy. Ultimately, the firm converted a space that was once vacant for over six years into a new restaurant that is full of life, activity, and energy.

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Architect: Joseph Bellomo Architects, Inc.

Contractor: Patrick T. Foley Construction

Client: Jungwoo Lee

