

# a FLAIR for the DRAMATIC



*Former set designer brings passion to your front gate*

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Imagine what it feels like to be welcomed home by a gate that reflects your power and essence!" says Cecily Kate, owner and founder of Napa Valley Gates, a cutting-edge gate design company. "Everybody has their own unique signature, and a gate marks a threshold to your life and dreams. . . it sets the tone before you even set foot in your home," she explains.

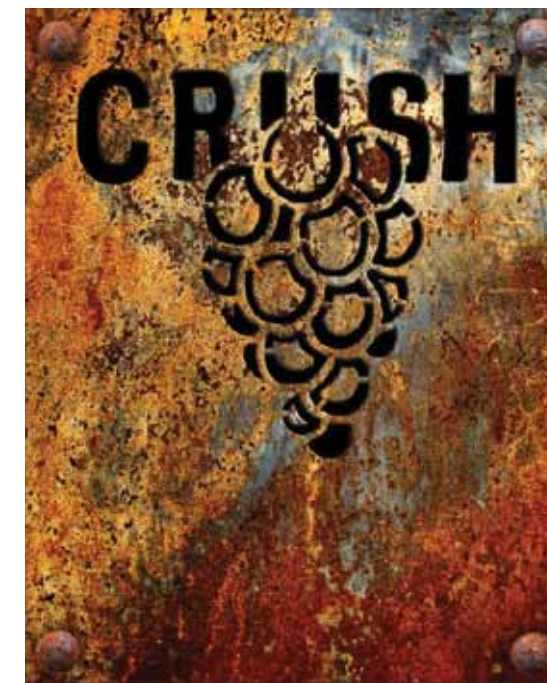


Cecily Kate's passion for design has been cultivated over twenty years as an award-winning stage designer in Europe. Her experience in distilling the essence of a client's vision enables her to create gates that symbolize the soul and integrate the surrounding landscape. Cecily Kate's elegant gate designs come alive and dance with the changing light throughout the day. Juancarlos Fernandez of Signum Architecture describes her gates as "beautiful," and he "loves the permanent movement within the designs."

Napa Valley Gates blends ancient and modern techniques to execute fine line drawings into exquisite and functional gates. Cecily Kate uses the strength of steel plate for the design, finishing it with a variety of traditional patinas including an ancient "Japanese Brown" formula and the famous Tiffany Blue and Green for greater depth and character.

The gate of your dreams will unfold through this discovery process from concept to design and installation. All of Napa Valley Gates' work is site specific, serving homeowners of Victorian residences, wineries and restaurants. Cecily Kate's cut-steel plate designs translate beautifully into stunning interior panels, room dividers, landscape features, garden gates, fences and floating privacy walls.

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Opposite: a large gate designed by Kate greets visitors to Silent Rock. Above: three digital mock-ups by Kate showing design and materials. Both pages: design sketches.