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This Las Campanas home's outdoor space illustrates "contextual modern" design. "The home is rooted in the context of the local vernacular—pueblo revival—with a modern twist," says Keith Gorges of Tierra Concepts. Sleek pocketed glass doors contrast with the rustic Belgian rubble stone pillars. Like those inside the home, the portal beams are square instead of round, giving them a modern edge. The outdoor flooring includes porphyry rustic granite stone with a rough surface, while the stacked pattern applies a modern design aesthetic. Hollyhocks in the foreground are the quintessential Santa Fe flower, wild and flowing. "The fescue grasses lined up in soldier course, spaced equally, ordering like in contemporary architecture, contrast against wildness and the untamed," says Gorges. "When you create tension between contemporary and traditional, you bring attention and excitement to each of those styles."

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