





# STABLE

## A VIEW OF THE SKY

*Conversion of a stable in Tschagguns*

Like many Alpine locations, the Vorarlberg municipality of Tschagguns lives primarily from tourism, whereas farming is on the retreat. In some cases, however, at least the architectural heritage of the past can be saved. Such is the case with a stable from the end of the 19th century that architect Bernhard Breuer has converted into a home. The existing building had a beautifully ornate wooden facade that had been blackened by the weather over time. At its north-east corner, it featured a solid ashlar base – the other facades were made of simple wooden boards, through the cracks of which the wind would whistle.

Behind this old shell, Bernhard Breuer inserted new interior walls and ceilings with surgical precision, mainly making use of traditional carpentry techniques. From the outside, the former stable can still be easily recognised but large windows with narrow frames now allow copious amounts of daylight into the living areas. There is also an abundance of light on the upper floor thanks to three roof windows. At night, the owners can contemplate the unique starlit sky above the Alps through the same roof windows. The opposite side of the roof, which faces south-west, is used for energy generation. Photovoltaic and solar thermal modules supply the house with electricity and meet a large part of the heating needs.

LOCATION:  
Mühleweg 2, Tschagguns, Austria  
CLIENT:  
Rosa Breuer  
ARCHITECT:  
Bernhard Breuer, Schrunts



