

Memorial of the French Resistance, Vassieux-en-**Vercors**

Parc Naturel Régional du Vercors

Program

Construction of the Memorial of the Resistance in Vercors, in Vassieuxen-Vercos, France

Selection method

Public competition

Groupe-6 (Architect) - Donner à Voir (Museography) - Hervé Frumy (Signage) Competition

Surface area

1,500 m²

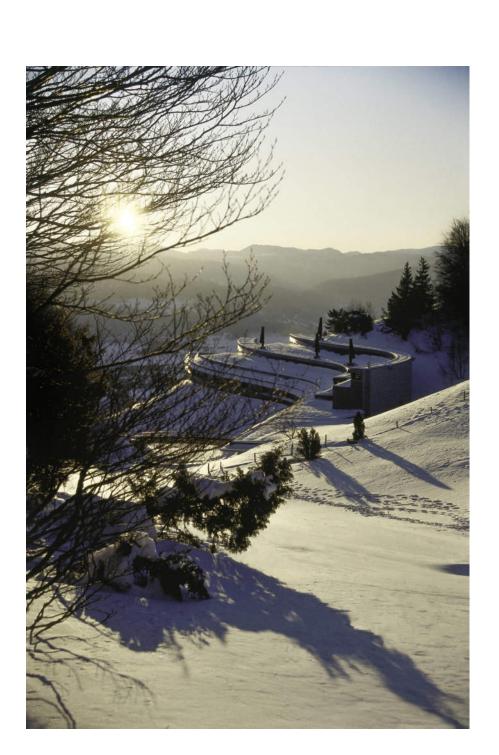
Construction costs 1994

2 M€

Completion 1994

Location

Vassieux-en-Vercors



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Our task in designing the Memorial was to create a structure which would evoke both the martyrdom of the village of Vassieux in 1944 and the memory of the Vercors Resistance – and indeed all resistance movements. The Memorial clings to the mountainside, dominating the village and offering a panoramic view of the plateau. A memorial trail follows the contours of the different levels of the site, ending on the immense overhang above the

plateau. Although the memorial is low to the ground, it captures the daylight through the long skylights which define its structure, with high far-reaching beams which guide visitors on their journey and link the empty spaces. The raw concrete blends into the rocks, the planted terraces retrace the undulations of the skylights and "lookouts" pivot in the wind. The architecture is discreet but charged with emotion, echoing the museography.

