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BIG DEAL



Set on 37 acres in Columbia County, this 13-year-old residence in Ancram is the only house in the U.S. conceived by Chinese contemporary artist and activist Ai Weiwei, who designed the home for an art-collecting couple in collaboration with Swiss architecture firm HFF Architects. The 3,500-square-foot three-bedroom primary structure comprises four connected modules with a corrugated-metal exterior that mimics the farm storage sheds dotting the surrounding landscape. Additionally, the property features a lap pool and a Y-shaped guesthouse with a studio and gallery space. The current owners, also art collectors, purchased the spread in 2013. "This house attracts a certain type of buyer," says Graham Klemm of Klemm Real Estate, the broker for the \$5.25 million listing. "It was designed by an artist to accommodate artwork, and the home itself is a work of art." —*Lisa Chamoff*



Ai Weiwei
Artist