

A ROAD THAT RUNS ALONG THE EARTH

Claudia Lau



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C. Gallery

C. Gallery is delighted to announce A ROAD THAT RUNS ALONG THE EARTH, Melbourne-based ceramic artist Claudia Lau's first solo exhibition with the gallery. A ROAD THAT RUNS ALONG THE EARTH will be on view from 04 October to 04 November 2022.

Lau (b.1996) first explored ceramics while studying communication design at RMIT. Enamoured with the physicality of the craft, she began by making traditional ceramic tableware and has developed her practice to explore the boundaries of scale, form, function and glaze chemistry within the medium. After completing her degree, Lau went on to gain experience in making tableware in Melbourne as well as expanding her studies locally and abroad, including formative experiences in China's porcelain capital of Jingdezhen. Today she is informed by her deep knowledge and respect for Japanese material culture and its connection to the natural world. Through this lens Lau marries technical know-how and experimental gambits in glaze composition to breathtaking effect. She divides her time between her fine art practice and production studio House Editions.

In A ROAD THAT RUNS ALONG THE EARTH, Lau presents ceramic wall works across several formats and production techniques. This series of work explores ceramics as maquettes for monoliths, questioning both function and monument. Affixed to the wall, these structures become removed from their utilitarian assumption of domestic ware, remotely moving towards 'painting'. An unintentional cryptic fluctuation between minimalism and abstract expressionism, glazing becomes a site for testing colour through process. What seems repetitive through series is broken through hand building, unique through subtle variations and treatments.

In grounding harmony to Lau's ceramic wall works is WATER STONE, a large-scale work that evokes the close relationship between interior and exterior space. WATER STONE is a vessel, an interpretation of traditional stone basins used to collect water in Japanese gardens. It is a stone built of stone, designed to sit quietly in its landscape but also harness nature to create a thing of beauty and function. Lau's presentation upends the conventional notions of ceramic utility and form, both literally and metaphorically moving the pieces to eye level to create a new interrogation of finish and form.

Claudia would like to thank SoCA for their support in the development of the glaze materiality and firing.



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 01

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, oribe glaze, copper glaze, wood ash glaze,
stainless steel

24 x 24 x 12 cm

\$1,760



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 06

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, porcelain slip, Ararat fireclay shino glaze,
stainless steel

28 x 24 x 12 cm

SOLD



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 14

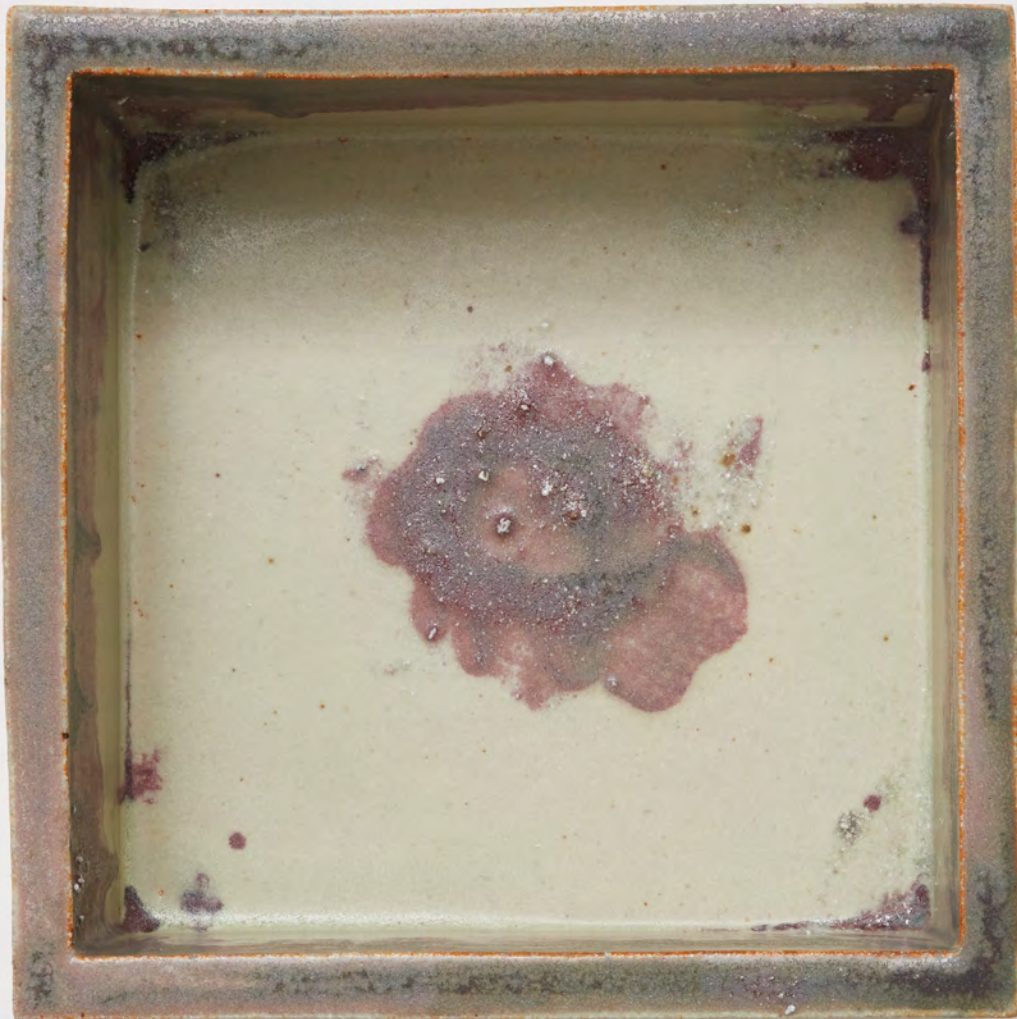
Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, copper, wood ash, tin, feldspar blended glaze,
stainless steel

36 x 24 x 12 cm

\$1,760



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 16

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, wood ash glaze, copper glaze, stainless
steel

24 x 24 x 12 cm

\$1,760



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 17

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, oribe glaze, copper glaze,
wood ash glaze, stainless steel

24 x 24 x 12 cm

\$1,760



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 18

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, oribe and copper glaze, stainless steel

24 x 24 x 12 cm

\$1,760



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 19

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, feldspar glaze, wood ash glaze, copper
glaze, stainless steel

24 x 24 x 12 cm

\$1,760



HIDDEN STRUCTURES 20

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, yellow iron glaze, stainless steel

24 x 24 x 12 cm

\$1,760



TRUSS 01
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, Ararat fireclay feldspar glaze, wood ash glaze,
stainless steel
73 x 41 x 21 cm
\$8,500



TRUSS 02

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, Ararat fireclay feldspar glaze, wood ash glaze,
stainless steel

74 x 41 x 21 cm

\$8,500



TRUSS 03
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, shino glaze, wood ash glaze, copper glaze, feldspar
chips, fireclay stones, stainless steel
75 x 41 x 21 cm
\$8,500



TRUSS 04
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, shino glaze, wood ash glaze, copper glaze, feldspar
chips, fireclay stones, stainless steel
76 x 41 x 21 cm
\$8,500



TRUSS 05
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, shino glaze, wood ash glaze, copper glaze, feldspar
chips, fireclay stones, stainless steel
77 x 41 x 21 cm
\$8,500



TRUSS 06
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, shino glaze, wood ash glaze, copper glaze, feldspar
chips, fireclay stones, stainless steel
78 x 41 x 21 cm
\$8, 500



WATER STONE

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, terracotta, porcelain slip, Ararat fireclay, feldspar
chips, shino glaze, wood ash glaze

47 x 31 x 26 cm

SOLD



EXTRUSION 01

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, feldspar glaze, wood ash glaze, stainless steel

30 x 32 x 18 cm

\$2,310



EXTRUSION 02

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, wood ash glaze, copper glaze, stainless steel

36 x 31 x 20 cm

\$2,310



EXTRUSION 03

Claudia Lau

2022

Stoneware, wood ash and feldspar blended glaze, stainless steel

40 x 31 x 18 cm

\$2,310



SCREEN 01
Claudia Lau
2022
Oyster shell alumina glaze, copper glaze, wood ash glaze,
stainless steel
33 x 65 x 4 cm
\$2,800



ROAD
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, porcelain slip, feldspar glaze, wood ash glaze, copper
glaze, Victorian ash timber, steel
29.5 x 29 x 5.5 cm
\$1,320
SOLD



RIFT 01
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, Ararat fireclay feldspar glaze, stainless steel
37 x 37 x 8 cm
\$2,000



RIFT 02
Claudia Lau
2022
Stoneware, Ararat fireclay feldspar glaze, stainless steel
38 x 37 x 8 cm
\$2, 000
SOLD