

SIDE GALLERY

ELISSA LACOSTE (1994-)



Stool

From the Series 'I dream of megalithic times'
Manufactured by Elissa Lacoste
Produced in exclusive for SIDE GALLERY
France, 2020
Silicone

Measurements

70 cm x 56 cm x 48 cm height
27,55 in x 22 in x 18,89 in height

Concept

'I dream of megalithic times' series embarks us into an interior environment composed of various speleothem-like shapes erected into silicone skins with earthly pigments kneaded into them. Evocative fleshy consistency, indefinable colors and gnarly textures devise an alternative realm that provokes cognitive dissonance. A realm where the presumed functions of the pieces seem to be undomesticated, morphing different affordances into one element. Alien earthlings form an inverted troglodyte interior relating to a primal identity of the visitor, who curiously and sensuously uncovers the whimsical environment. Like a karst topography adorned with horizontal lines of frothy puddles and bolt upright rubbery stone formations, this series relates to the natural on myriad scales, from mold growth to canyons. I dream of megalithic times invites the viewer to ponder the borderlands between inside and outside, between their preconceived ideas of materiality and their imagination. I dream of megalithic times embarks us into an interior environment composed of various speleothem-like shapes erected into silicone skins with earthly pigments kneaded into them.

Biography

Elissa Lacoste is a french designer born in 1994 who graduated in 2018 from Design Academy Eindhoven, MA Contextual Design. Hands-on and instinctive, her work ensues from her quest for the wild, the inexplicable and the sensorial in the contemporary. Her interest in allowing matter to show its vibrancy leads her to unexpected results presenting an unconventional beauty. Textures and material otherness in objects reflect upon our relationship to our physical environment, be it anthropogenic or natural.