

Perfectly Imperfect

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Difficult to define in words, ma implies a pause, or an interval of space. It isn't the absence of an object, but rather the beauty that can be found within a silence or negative space.

Breathing space to shine

Westonbirt was originally planted by wealthy, Victorian aristocrats the Holford family, using Picturesque landscaping principles, a popular movement at that time. These principles included creating glades and recesses; 'negative spaces' that offer visual breaks within the trees to sit and simply 'be'.

Central to the aesthetics of Westonbirt was to use dark evergreens, like yew (*Taxus baccata*), in the landscaping design as a dark backdrop. This effectively creates a living negative space which allows colourful trees to take the foreground and shine!