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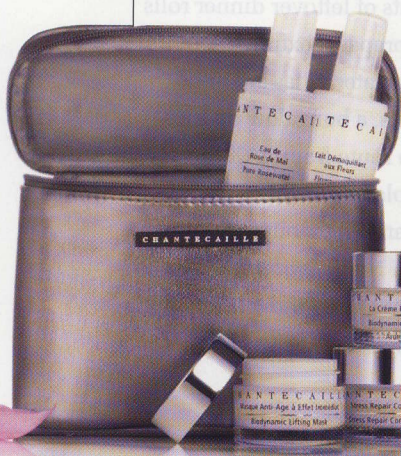
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A Wine-Infused Girls' Getaway

SET AMID LUSH VINE-COVERED HILLS ON SILVERADO TRAIL, the Stags Leap District in Napa Valley produces some of the most diverse, full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignons in the world—providing the perfect backdrop for one of **Women & Wine's** epicurean outings. ¶ A lavish three-day tour kicks off with a cave tasting at the Baldacci Family Vineyards, celebrating local women winemakers from Clos Du Val and Chimney Rock to Regusci. The following days' highlights are behind-the-scene tours with vintners at Shafer, Acme Fine Wines, and Cliff Lede vineyards in Yountville; chocolate and wine pairing discussions at Woodhouse Chocolates in St. Helena; cooking demonstrations at Pine Ridge Winery, including a rare barrel tasting, and culminating with a sublime six-course meal (with pairings, of course) at secluded Meadowood Resort. ¶ “We want women to feel empowered and knowledgeable, rather than intimidated, when ordering from a sommelier or purchasing from their local vendor,” says Women & Wine’s Julie Brosterman, founder of the two-year-old, L.A.-based organization. “It’s about finding your own voice in the glass—not about scores or ratings.” *Women & Wine Weekends start at \$1,795/person, 877-80-4WINE; womenwine.com. CAROLE DIXON*

JET SET
CARRY-ON COMPLIANT
While airport trash bins host some of the hottest dumpster diving in town (La Mer cream, anyone?), beauty companies have taken note. The solution: chic TSA-compliant cosmetic kits. Look for mini versions of already popular skincare lines, like the **Chantecaille Titanium Travel Kit** (\$290, *Neiman Marcus*), J.M.H.



RESORT REPORT

MOST IMPROVED

Napa Valley’s **Auberge du Soleil** underwent extensive renovations, including the addition of two new maisons. Come summer, a million-dollar renovation to the pool area will be completed. *aubergedusoleil.com* • **The Biltmore Santa Barbara**, a Four Seasons resort, spent \$240M in renovations, about a million dollars per room. They’ve upgraded the 10,000-square-foot spa and tropical gardens. *fourseasons.com* • S.B.’s 93-year-old **El Encanto Hotel** is closed until fall 2008 to restore its 19 historic cottages, introducing five new villas. *elencantohotel.com* • Auberge Resort’s **Esperanza** in Baja, Mexico will be closing mid-July thru November to expand the spa and add casitas and infinity hot tubs to more rooms. *esperanzaresort.com* • Palm Desert’s **Miramonte Resort and Spa** has undergone \$10M in luxurious improvements. Check out the new spa, The Well, which offers indoor and outdoor suites. *miramonteresort.com* • An \$11M renovation has added five oceanside suites to L.A.’s **Portofino Hotel & Yacht Club**. The pool, fitness center and adjacent marina have all been refurbished as well. *hotelportofino.com* • Seek romantic tranquility in the renovated, organically-inspired rooms of **Post Ranch Inn**, and, come summer, beside the new pool. *postranchinn.com* • S.D.’s 96-year-old **US Grant Hotel** invested \$52M to restore its grandeur. *usgrant.net*



NEW HOTELS UP AND DOWN THE STATE

The seventh outpost in California, **Four Seasons Westlake Village**, is now home to the largest spa in L.A. County. *fourseasons.com* • The cliff-front cottages of Mendocino’s **Heritage House Inn** boast modern amenities and traditional charm. *heritagehouseinn.com* • With a 17,000-square-foot rooftop bar, four-level nightclub, pool, sundeck and sultry lounge, San Diego’s \$85M **Ivy Hotel** opens this spring. *ivyhotel.com* • From Auberge Resorts, **Solage Calistoga** opens this summer with views of the Palisades Mountains and soaking pools tapped from local springs, balancing environmental sustainability and energetic coolness. *solagehotels.com* • New York-based Thompson Hotels chain has opened its third California location, **Thompson Beverly Hills**.

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