

# Santa Barbara

MAGAZINE

## LIVING *in the* MOMENT

**EVA GUERRAND-HERMÉS  
REALIZES HER PASSIONS  
IN PARADISE**



Eva Guerrand-Hermés  
at Dos Pueblos Ranch.

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**VAQUERO  
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**PLUS WILD WEST STYLE SEDUCTION,  
WHISKEY HAUNTS + WINE COUNTRY JAUNTS**



## GETAWAYS

and Avenue Montaigne—and adjacent to boutiques such as Gucci and Hermès—the hotel gives vacationers a rare and exceptional feel of the city. The property was recently revamped, infusing a mod, midcentury touch (think sleek teak-accented furnishings, stark marble bathrooms, seasonally changing Ex Voto skin-care products, and more) in the 40



A mod retreat.



The lobby.

rooms and 10 suites, each of which boasts private balconies from which guests can gaze at the Eiffel Tower, sparkling in all its splendor. After spending the day exploring the city, sip a glass of champagne at the Bar Marignan before dining on exquisite

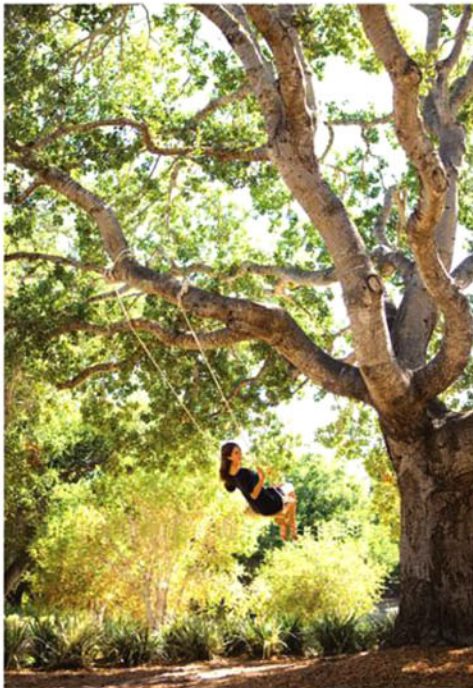
French cuisine in the hotel's restaurant, which offers a seasonal menu that changes weekly.

-KRISTA KACZOROWSKI

**HOTEL MARIIGNAN PARIS** 12 rue de Marignan, Paris, France, 011-33-1-40-76-3456, [hotelmariignan.fr](http://hotelmariignan.fr)  
Rates: From \$500.

## A TASTE of the CENTRAL COAST

THE SHIFT OF SEASONS may be subtle in California, but for guests at a 500-acre resort with an agricultural heritage, the arrival of autumn brings with it an array of new ways



to savor the changes in the landscape and its bounty. At the **Carmel Valley Ranch**—in the sunny glen that extends inland from the famed beachside town—apricot, nectarine, and cherry orchards long ago gave way to a sophisticated 139-suite getaway in a spectacular setting with a Pete Dye golf course, tennis courts, and spa. What's been added in the last few years, though, is an emphasis on playfulness, not just in children's activities but also in fitness, stargazing, bocce, tree swings for adults, and explorations of the natural world—growing lavender, beekeeping, garden tours, and guided hikes.

The harvest season means honey tastings that salute the work of the resort's own 60,000 Italian honeybees (which undoubtedly like to buzz among the more than 7,500

CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: Lush lavender sweeps the landscape; an evening view; the resort lobby; rope swings for the young at heart.

lavender plants) as well as winemaker and beer brewer dinners. And the hikes? What better time for adventure excursions to the valley's panoramic ridges, hilltops, and meadows or, perhaps, as the days grow shorter, a romantic sunset stroll. -JOAN TAPPER

**CARMEL VALLEY RANCH** One Old Ranch Rd., Carmel, 866-405-5037, [carmelvalleyranch.com](http://carmelvalleyranch.com)  
Rates: From \$325.

