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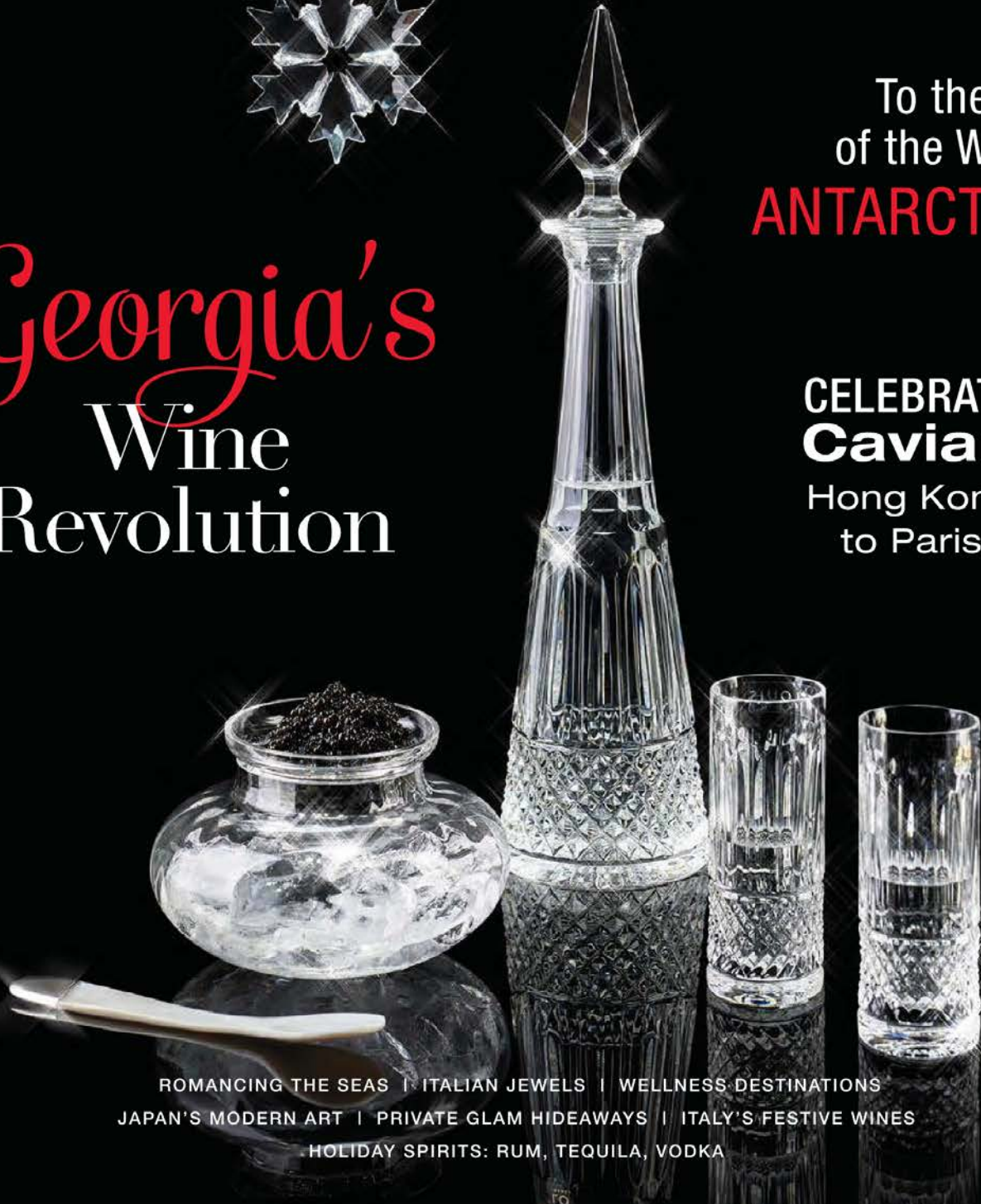
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going coastal

Leave your stilettos at home, but do pack the shearling to enjoy this inn's relaxed, rustic charm and incredible California cuisine. by Amy Elliott



The rustic-chic overwater bungalows at Nick's Cove are individually decorated and come with soaking tubs, wood-burning stoves and private decks.

TODAY'S WAYFARERS ARE DRAWN TO THE SONOMA COAST BECAUSE THEY WANT TO FEEL THE SALTY WIND ON THEIR SKIN, enjoy the county's locavore cuisine, and sleep in a cozy cottage by the water.

One inn that deftly, memorably delivers this experience is **Nick's Cove**, a laid-back hideaway tucked into the southern edge of Tomales Bay.

Set on pilings above the rising and falling tides, its 12 iconic bungalows date back to the Prohibition era, when they provided respite to day-trippers coming from San Francisco; today, they're the perfect dressed-down solution for city slickers in need of an escape.

The updated restaurant is situated at an angle to provide unobstructed views. Grab a seat on the glassed-in terrace to gulp down Tomales Bay oysters served with Sonoma char-donnays.

Consider a holiday getaway, when the Boat Shack is draped in rainbow twinkle lights in anticipation of a visit from Santa — via boat — in early December.

Or hold out until spring — the inn employs its own farmer, who helps executive chef Joshua Seibert stage alfresco harvest dinners that will be starting up again in April.

And the outdoor Waterfront Lounge & Oyster Bar will reopen before you know it.

In the meantime, grab a cocktail (the Interstate 8 is completely addicting), sit back and chill. ❄️

spanish class

An all-out gracious, Old California vibe will color your stay at the Rancho Caymus Inn. by Amy Elliott



IF YOU'RE A REPEAT VISITOR TO THE NAPA VALLEY, YOU KNOW FROM HEALDSBURG AND ST. HELENA AND YOUNTVILLE. But the **Rancho Caymus Inn** is a really good reason to put Rutherford on your radar.

The most stylish sleep in town, it's set within walking distance of a handful of the Valley's best tasting rooms, including Inglenook and Beaulieu. (For those interested in fine wine but not as keen on a walk, the inn hosts wine tastings on site.)

The decor and grounds are designed in the classic Spanish hacienda style. Colorful tiles, terra-cotta floors and roof tiles, dark wood beams and banisters, and native art and stained glass accents coalesce to create a warm, old-world vibe amid the vines. The property features nine original stained glass windows by artist Gaye Frisk and a large mural by Guillermo Wagner Granizo.

As every seasoned Napa wine taster or collector knows, starting the day with a hearty, healthy breakfast is an essential part of the Valley experience and the spread at Rancho Caymus is complimentary and next-level abundant with housemade yogurt, granola, grab-and-go sandwiches and towers of fresh fruit.

And when you're in the mood to lounge rather than swirl and sip, you can chill by the pool or book a massage at Health Spa Napa Valley in nearby St. Helena, where Rancho Caymus guests get discounted services and can charge them to their rooms.

MAY WE SUGGEST...

In a region where the tiniest bite of bruschetta at any number of restaurants can leave you trembling with delight, it's helpful to have an insider reco. Our pick: **Bistro Don Giovanni**. Because: Fritto misto, Mama's meatballs, fettuccine bolognese, a gorgeous wine list, and oh, that patio is heaven. 4110 Howard Lane, Napa, bistrodongiovanni.com ❄️