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## A GOLDEN STATE

In addition to their large-scale revamp of Auberge du Soleil (below), in June Auberge Resorts co-owners Bob and Tim Harmon and Claude Rouas opened **El Dorado Kitchen**, an upscale bistro in the former home of Piatti, at the El Dorado Hotel in Sonoma. With executive chef Ryan Fancher (previously of The French Laundry) at the helm, and an indoor/outdoor space updated by Backen & Gillam Architects, the new eatery offers a Mediterranean-inspired menu of the region's best artisanal ingredients. 405 First St. West, Sonoma, 707-996-3030, [www.eldoradosonoma.com](http://www.eldoradosonoma.com).



**UNDER THE NAPA SUN** To celebrate 20 years in the olive groves atop Rutherford Hill, **Auberge du Soleil** unveils a renovation of its 50 intimate suites by interior designer Suzanne Tucker of the San Francisco firm Tucker & Marks. Sun-drenched rooms feature oversized lounges and ottomans, cream matelasse bedcovers and persimmon coverlets and bolsters in a custom reproduction of a Pierre Frey fabric adored by the late Michael Taylor (the inn's original designer and Tucker's mentor). In the bathrooms, countertops of hand-stained oak and limestone replace the original tile, and new plasma-screen TVs hang above large soaking tubs. 180 Rutherford Hill Rd., Rutherford, 707-963-1211, [www.aubergedusoleil.com](http://www.aubergedusoleil.com).

## RAISING THE BAR

Propose a toast to DIY design at **Mr. Smith's**, the new lounge just south of Market. "It all started with the wallpaper"—a red Baroque print from Osborne & Little—according to co-owner Max Young, who redesigned the former nightclub Cloud Nine with the concept of an English gentlemen's club. Capiz chandeliers from West Elm and vintage Victorian settees make a sophisticated statement, while a humorous take on René Magritte's *Son of Man* painted by bartender Tim Dangaran and an industrial-style bar by Sway Metalworks keep the vibe unpretentious. 34 Seventh St., SF, 415-355-9991.

