

Special: 20 Great American Beaches

TRAVEL + LEISURE

JULY 2007

Secret Islands of Greece

Napa
The Alps
Sydney
Santa Fe

Easy
Amalfi
Coast



5 New
Wine
Regions
You'll
Love



Napa and Sonoma Style

T+L scoured California's wine country to find one-of-a-kind boutiques and charming small-town stores. From Calistoga to Healdsburg, these eight spots are worth a visit. *By* JAIME GROSS. *Photographed by* ANGIE CAO



CALIFORNIA



NAPA VALLEY

CALISTOGA **The Shop** Nearly everything at **Ca'Toga Galleria D'Arte** (1206 Cedar St.; 707/942-3900) is hand-painted by the prominent trompe l'oeil artist Carlo Marchiori: the folding screens, the ceramic plates—even the barrel-vaulted ceiling, done Michelangelo-style with a celestial mural. **T+L Tip** Marchiori lives up the road, in a Palladian villa whose seven rooms are covered in frescoes. The shop can arrange a visit (\$25 per person; May-October).

The Shop The region's best source for small-scale artisanal wines, **Enoteca Wine Shop** (1348-B Lincoln Ave.; 707/942-1117), also carries hard-to-find producers that the proprietress, Margaux Singleton, calls *unobtainia*. Be sure to check out the glass cases in the back, dedicated to rare 100-point wines, so rated by industry experts like Robert Parker. **T+L Tip** Singleton is an expert on the area and she's happy to plot you out a customized tasting tour, gratis.

ST. HELENA **The Shop** Interior designer Erin Martin spotlights an eclectic collection of furniture and objets d'art from around the globe in the loftlike **Martin** (1350 Main St.; 707/967-8787). A recent visit turned up Moroccan stools made of recycled tires, and vintage leather wrestling mats from Russia ("perfect headboards," she says). **T+L Tip** Add your name to Martin's mailing list for coveted invitations to her private warehouse sales (usually in May and October), where pieces are sold at or below cost.



Beyond the Vineyard Clockwise from top: Lime Stone, a kitchen and interiors shop in Healdsburg; assorted truffles from St. Helena's Woodhouse Chocolate; a local Zinfandel, sold at the Enoteca Wine Shop, in Calistoga; furniture and tabletop items on display at Martin, a design showroom in St. Helena.

The Shop With white-gloved shopgirls standing behind the counter and a glittering chandelier dangling from the ceiling, **Woodhouse Chocolate** (1367 Main St.; 800/966-3468) resembles a fine jewelry shop—and for good reason. Master chocolatier Tracy Anderson's handmade confections, in exotic flavors like Passion Fruit and Thai Ginger, are edible gems. »