

## **EXPLORE**



NAPA NEWCOMER In Spanish, las alcobas means "the alcoves," which are typically dark compartments, nooks and recesses. Yet, it's a feeling of airy spaciousness, soaring ceilings and wide-open views defining the new Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel, which bowed in St. Helena in March. The Napa Valley boutique property is the first to open in the area in seven years. Once you're welcomed inside a restored and recimagined all-white Victorian home built in 1905, a modern 68-room boutique hotel lies behind it. Clean lines, minimalistic decor and sleek design by Yabu Pushelberg (the firm behind its sister property in Mexico City and Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown) give way to whimsical nods to horse stables, Moss & Lam-commissioned artworks, imported Italian-made Rivolta Carmignani linens, marble tile bathrooms, and unparalleled views of the Beringer private family vineyards and nearby mountain ranges through floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. The most remarkable design element, however, is untouchable. From the contemporary barnlike spa and event spaces to the guest rooms, each element manages to feel like the indoor-outdoor living trend sweeping home design across the country. "We want you to feel like you're at home," says Sam Leizorek, the property's charming general manager. Terraces with gas-powered fire pits and others with alfresco tubs, ipe wood flooring and westward-facing rooms that play up the sunset contribute to making Leizorek's wish a reality. From \$695 per night, lasalcobasnapavalley.com —Stephanie Davis Smith