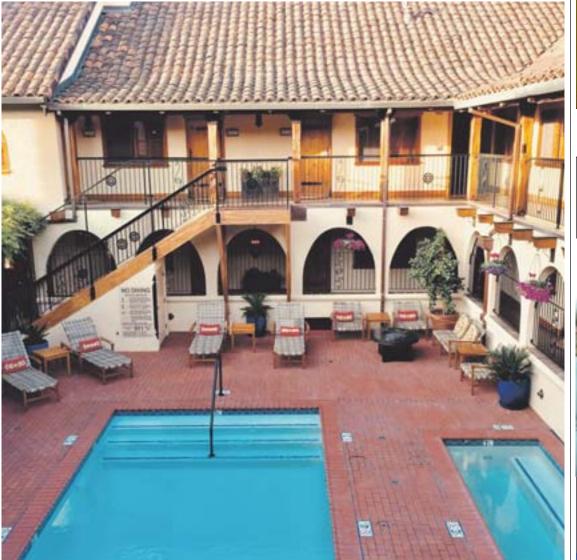
Weekend getaways

Rutherford retreat

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Rancho Caymus Inn courtyard

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30 north to south miles that combreakfast buffet featuring, among prise this verdant valley feature a number of delicious items, distinct towns, each with its own Model Bakery baked goods. The personality. At the northern most kitchen also serves snack and portion is Calistoga, the famous meal items that can be enjoyed mud baths of which promote a poolside, in-room, or in the small laid back and relaxed vibe. Driv- dining area. ing south on Highway 29, St. Helena comes next where an old- Caymus Inn is one of the valley's fashioned main street features most beloved restaurants, Ruthhigh-end boutique shopping and erford Grill, where both locals the famed Model Bakery, the and visitors gather for American English muffins of which are an comfort fare and hearty pours of Oprah fave. At the southern end local varietals. Sit at the bar for is downtown Napa, where a re- lively conversation, or hide out cent renaissance includes luxury in a comfy booth. If weather perhotels and numerous wine tasting mits – and it almost always does rooms that stay open past dark. - choose a patio table. Don't Just north of this is Yountville miss the seasonal grilled artiwith its quaint walkable down- choke, the barbecue pork ribs, or town and Michelin-starred res- a classic cheeseburger. The wine taurants. And smack in the mid- list is a great Napa Valley read dle of the valley is Rutherford. featuring some of the area's most With a population of just a few prized labels. hundred, this hamlet is known primarily for its concentration of Cabernet Sauvignon producers. Add a luxury boutique inn, a

Designed and opened more Rancho Caymus Inn is an off-George Altamura Jr. completely ago while retaining and elevating Morton's original Spanish aesthetic. The vibe is charming and luxuriously intimate. Rooms and suites surround the central swimming pool and feature heritage wood ceilings, fireplaces, living da-style furnishings.

restaurant that's a fave of both locals and visitors, and tiny Ruth-

retreat.

t's natural to think of the Napa day and Saturday evenings, and a Valley as one 'place.' But the spectacular complimentary daily

Steps away from Rancho

For something more casual, don't miss La Luna Market & Taqueria directly across the street from the Inn. Locals rave about the made-to-order burritos and enchiladas, which can be pickederford becomes an ideal weekend up to-go, or enjoyed at the picnic tables located in front.

Also within walking – and than 30 years ago by the late aroma - distance of Rancho Cayvintner, designer, pilot, and re- mus Inn are a number of fabulous naissance woman Mary Tilden wineries. Beaulieu Vineyards' Morton (of Berkeley's Tilden fermentation tanks are directly Park and Morton Salt families) behind the Inn – as is its tasting room. Elizabeth Spencer's famthe-radar gem. Current owner ily and dog friendly tasting room and quaint gardens are directly remodeled the place a few years across the street. Round Pond's palm-tree lined estate is about a mile away, as is Alpha Omega and its beautiful Vineyard Terrace where the hospitality is refined and relaxed. Enjoy their premium wines while gazing at the majestic Mayacamas Mounareas, private patios, and hacientains. Visit one; visit all. A Rutherford stay makes it easy to enjoy Enjoy complimentary eve- the spoils of this bountiful wine



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