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How to Spend a Weekend at Three Hotels From Our 2023 Hot List

These hotels and their neighborhoods offer plenty to do around the clock.

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With these three [Hot List 2023 hotel winners](#), there is as much to do beyond their doors as there is behind them—from sampling world class wines to catching a concert in an outdoor amphitheater. Here, how to turn an overnight into a proper stay, complete with planning tips in [Denver](#), [Healdsburg](#), and [New York City](#).



Matthew Millman/The Madrona



Although it may feel away from it all, The Madrona sits just one mile from downtown Healdsburg. Daniel Seung Lee/The Madrona

The Madrona, Healdsburg, California

In recent years, [Sonoma](#) and [Napa Valley](#) have welcomed splashy, sprawling resorts from a handful of global hospitality brands. So the debut of [The Madrona](#), a 24-room hotel that feels more like your own private wine country getaway, is exciting news for travelers who prefer a more intimate, homegrown stay. Originally built in 1881 as a private residence, the property was recently renovated by San Francisco-based designer Jay Jeffers. Throughout the gabled mansion you'll find original furnishings, antiques, and period fireplaces as well as contemporary art curated by [San Francisco](#) gallerist Lisa Dolby Chadwick.

The vibe feels like an exclusive social club with guests sipping spritzes by the saltwater pool and local winemakers debating the hotel's robust spirits collection at the downstairs bar. Michelin-starred chef Jesse Mallgren uses the estate garden as his muse and dishes such as heirloom tomatoes with miso creme fraiche and dry-aged duck with chard, farro, and roasted vegetables have already earned a loyal local following. The plugged-in staff make guests feel like locals, unlocking reservations to the area's top tasting rooms and tables. Perched on a hill surrounded by vineyards, the Madrona feels away from it all but is just one mile from downtown Healdsburg. The dress code is wine country casual (stylish jeans, a flowy sundress, and flats) so you can ride the hotel's complimentary Van Moof electric bikes to downtown tasting rooms including [Marine Layer](#), [Banshee](#), and [M.C. Harris Gallery](#). Must-try restaurants include veggie-centric [Little Saint](#), the [Matheson](#), Michelin-starred [SingleThread](#), and [Barndiva](#). —Jen Murphy





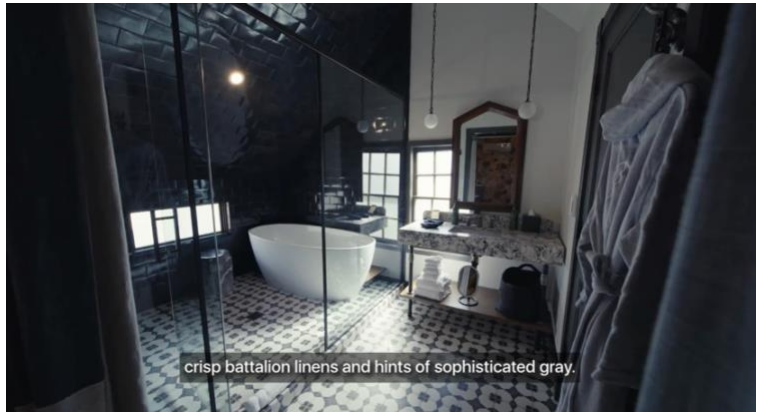
feels like a rural retreat.



The temperate climate also means you can eat



Many are a study in pared back elegance with huge windows,



crisp battalion linens and hints of sophisticated gray.



ask for one of the rooms with the stunning



every inch of the space, including the ceiling.



And yes, you are in the heart of wine country



don't feel guilty about having a cocktail.



especially the estate martini,



and house made potato chips or a dozen local oysters.



but make time for the hotel's small but chic swimming pool.

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