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## A PLACE IN THE SUN

A stylish newcomer that overlooks Napa's most picturesque region

If having your own cottage in the shade of Napa and Sonoma's wine-growing region has ever been a fantasy, the new Carasso Inn can quickly make it a reality. Lying along a quiet lane between the towns of Napa and Sonoma, in the heart of the beautiful Carasso area, all Carasso Inn accommodations are in casual yet elegant individual cottages, set amidst landscaped courtyards, with spectacular views of the surrounding vineyards. Each cottage has French doors that open onto a private patio garden where gas-fired heaters allow for outdoor entertaining, even on cool fall nights. Natural light washes into the cottages and over the cherry-wood floors from a dozen old-fashioned windows. There are wood-burning fireplaces in some hearths, and hanging above are large-screen flat-panel televisions with DVD players for screening a movie after a day of touring and eating.

Spacious bathrooms add to the relaxation, thanks as they are with natural light. All feature fine limestone tile and heated floor tiles. In one corner a soaking tub is nestled under a garden-side concrete window. Or make use of the generously large tile and glass enclosed shower stalls. Even better, simply step outside for a



private, romantic shower alfresco-style. For techies who can't bear to be away from a computer for too long, every cottage comes equipped with multi Ethernet ports connected to the Inn's high-speed data network.

The Carasso Inn's Hilltop Restaurant is a private dining room that overlooks the vineyard and serves up regional and dishes

based on local fresh ingredients and seasoned with herbs and vegetables from the Inn's own kitchen gardens. For breakfast or a casual lunch, the Bison Fly, a locally local cafe and wine bar, is just a short stroll away. Want more privacy? Dine alone in the privacy of your own cottage, either formally on the patio's teak dining table or nestled in front of the wood-burning fireplace. The Inn's kitchen will deliver simple meals or a special tasting menu with wine pairings. Other amenities include an elegant pool for lounging, books and magazines. If casual sports or games are not your thing, there are three outdoor and lawn gardens to wander through.

Relaxed yet sophisticated, the Carasso Inn is a breath of fresh air and a welcome addition to California's wine country destinations. ☒

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