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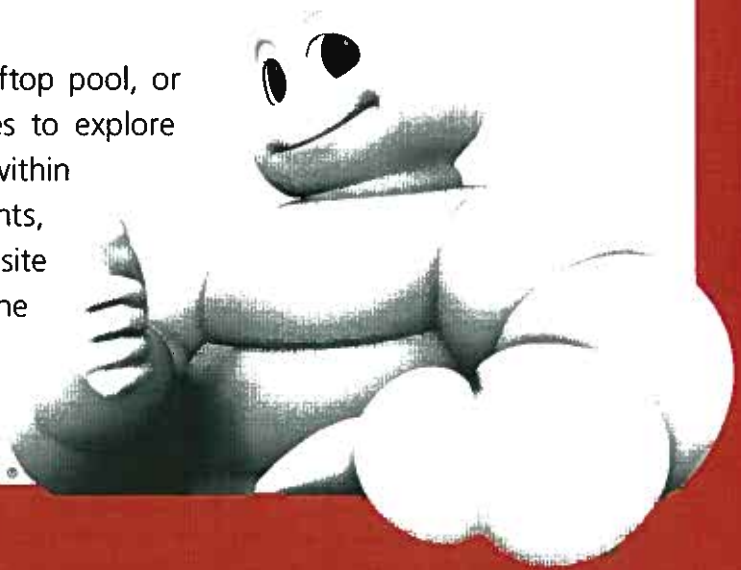
Bardessono



What's greener than grape vines in Napa? Bardessono, a 62-room hotel that stands out as a feat of eco-engineering. Constructed with 100,000 square feet of salvaged wood, the hotel uses photovoltaic solar collectors to create electricity, and geothermal wells to heat the rooms and water. Motion sensors turn off lights when guests are not in residence; settings are automatically restored when they return. Stone paths lined with flowering plants meander between the low-rise buildings that compose the complex.

Guest suites are tranquil sanctuaries, well-appointed with organic cotton bed linens, deep soaking tubs, and private patios or balconies. The carefully thought-out design places a comfy sitting area in front of the gas fireplace and the flat screen TV. Bathrooms conceal a massage table for in-room spa treatments, but there's also a full-service spa for those who desire a more in-depth experience.

For exercise, you can swim in the rooftop pool, or use one of the complimentary bicycles to explore the valley. And while the hotel lies within an easy walk of some stellar restaurants, you won't go wrong if you stay on-site to dine on contemporary Cali fare in the main restaurant.



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