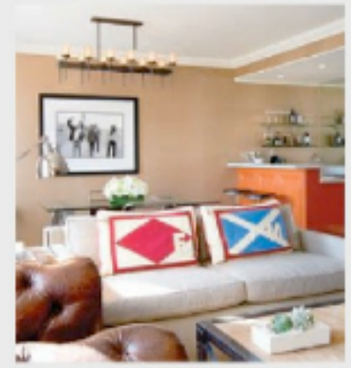

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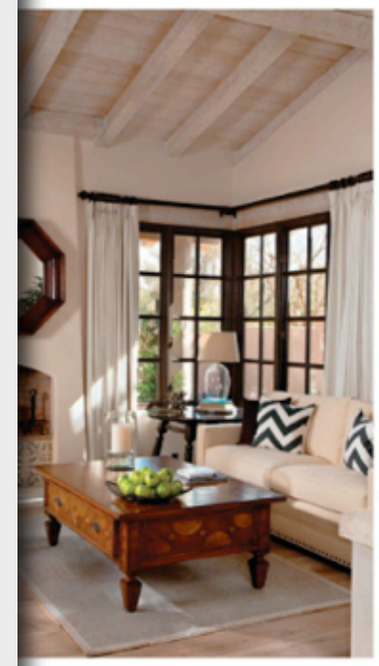

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A nifty to its amorous pro-cycling camp. On a recent weekend, both U.S. Olympian Taylor Phinney and Tour de France rider Christian Vande Veld came out for the camp's launch. (Jacobs is an avid rider who owns a cycling team in Italy.)

But the property's pièce de résistance? It's a toss-up: On the one hand there's the twinkly Veldaora restaurant with Damien Hirst's stunning centerpiece made of butterfly wings. On the other, there's the dramatically designed wine cave, which was previously a low-slung gym.

The cave, boasting red brick, a modern glass wine cellar and a huge custom dining table, was inspired by Jacobs' travels in Italy. "In Florence, I noticed all the old stone buildings had these beautiful glass-facing exteriors. It's the juxtaposition of the Old and New World that makes it so sexy." Not to mention the purple rug and va-va-voom lighting that gives seriously good glow.

Come nighttime, every inch of the resort oozes with glamour, thanks to sconces, chandeliers and flickering fire features. Locals from "The Ranch" cozy up to the chic Pony Room with its custom leather chairs and monogrammed bar stools. They sip skinny margaritas and indulge in chef Eric Bauer's menu, which includes lots of local ingredients (tenderloin with local figs) and updated faves (carnitas tacos). But beware: nabbing a dinner reservation at Veladora is difficult as regional interest is at full-throttle.

But if you're looking for full sensory indulgence at one of SoCal's most beautifully reimagined hotels? That is easy-peasy. ■

Generation Renovation

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Hills, 310.551.2888) all 193 guest rooms, suites and villas have been recently redesigned by Beverly Hills-based firm, Forchielli & Glynn. But one suite in particular, a 2,100-square-foot space, was completely renovated and decorated by Nancy Corzine. Done in soothing pale blues with Venetian silvers, creams and whites, the Grand Deluxe Suite by Nancy Corzine has two bedrooms, a fully functioning kitchen, dining and living areas. And **Estancia** (9700 N. Torrey Pines Rd.,

La Jolla, 858.550.1000) is midway through a major redo. Architect A.C. Atherton is leading the project, which includes every building on property, including 211 guest rooms and the hotel's stand out spa. Working with interior designer Caroline McLean, Atherton says they're creating a look that will be both classic and contemporary. Guest rooms will be done in warm tones with pops of bold color. Next up? Atherton will redesign the restaurants and parts of the lobby starting fall 2013.

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