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Describing the high-end Wine Country home, architect Amy Alper says this: "The views set the stage and in response I look to highlight the drama of approach and procession that leads to them." The process certainly works for her, if the portfolio of award-winning (including a *Luxe* RED Award in 2020 and 2022) and widely published work is any indication. Alper elaborates further on her perspective: "As design begins, careful site planning and sustainable strategies are key, including a renewed focus on gathering pavilions for year-round entertaining outdoors. Of course, energy usage and fire resistance are always in mind." Signature to her work, the architecture, interiors and landscape are deftly integrated, exemplifying a tenet of luxury living in the region—Wine Country residents embracing their stunning outdoor environments.

"Wine Country's expansive landscapes of **vineyard**, **woodland and rolling hills** are a constant source of inspiration."

PROVISION + HERITAGE

Working with the timeless qualities of light, texture, rhythm, proportion and expressive detail, Alper crafts each project to **suit both property and owner.** A constant for the firm is helping clients envision and build a home that will house family memories. **Stewardship of resources**, both budgetary and environmental, paired with exceptional service, are the hallmarks of Alper's practice. That makes her a perfect fit for the residents of Wine Country, who are increasingly conscious in all ways.

LOCAL LOVES

Alper talks ...

- Natural wonders: "Two of my favorites are Jack London State Historic Park and Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. The colors and textures found in both are inspirational."
- Good wine: "In my opinion, the best bottle of wine is a cabernet sauvignon by Knighton Family Vineyards."

Top Designed as a resort-style cabana, this guesthouse has wings that reach out to pull visitors to a covered courtyard, complete with a wet bar. **Right & Center** Color and texture in the water-hued shower tile make for an artful backdrop to the vanity room. Then, a surprise comes in the form of a large glass door bringing greenery in and allowing access to the pool. **Far right** The soaring roof is emphasized with a cedar-lined finish that drops back behind typically open doors leading to the guest space and bathroom.

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