



The Coast Guard

Spring arrives in the Central Coast with design projects aplenty: resto reduxes, elegant upgrades, anticipated openings and more.

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WHAT'S THE SCOOP?
Clockwise from left: The colorful garden salad at Marinus; inside Aubergine in Carmel-by-the-Sea; a Quail Lodge and Golf Club remodeled room

cheese cave to improve upon a revitalized interior featuring contemporary-chic carpeting, fabrics, lighting, seating and art. Part of an extensive property remodel, the custom-built cavern, designed to preserve chef Justin Cogley's quality *fromagerie* collection hailing from Andante Dairy, will join a still-in-progress expanded salon.

In Carmel Valley, the historic **Quail Lodge and Golf Club** (quailodge.com) emerged from its \$28 million renovation in late March fully refreshed with revived guest accommodations, public spaces and a reception area, along with extensive sporting facilities and spiffy exterior landscaping.

On the Monterey Peninsula comes word from Carmel-by-the-Sea, where LAuberge Carmel's flagship eatery **Aubergine** (laubergecarmel.com)—a Zagat fave and Relais & Chateaux property—has installed a whitewashed

Meanwhile, at **Marinus**, the signature culinary offering at boutique Bernardus Lodge (bernardus.com), the space resurfaces from a recent interior retooling with a reconfigured seating arrangement for 60 and a stylish setting complementing chef Cal Stamenov's celebrated cuisine. Taking its cue from the Lodge's wine-country estate hospitality ethos, the brightened-up Marinus is the result of an outside-in approach created to evoke country dining at a private home, featuring dishes with ingredients culled from 6 acres of lush organic gardens.

Hopes are high in Pacific Grove, where the beloved **Beach House Restaurant at Lovers Point** (beachhousepg.com) is slated for a much ballyhooed reopening in 2013. With expansive windows overlooking the Pacific, the local landmark offers idyllic views.

And finally comes chatter from swoony Big Sur, where **Glen Oaks Big Sur** (glenoaksbigsur.com)—the formerly spartan 1950s classic adobe motor lodge turned posh modern outpost set on 11 acres—is finalizing details for a new restaurant poised to supply more gorgeous interiors imagined by San Francisco design mind Steven Justrich. Stay tuned!