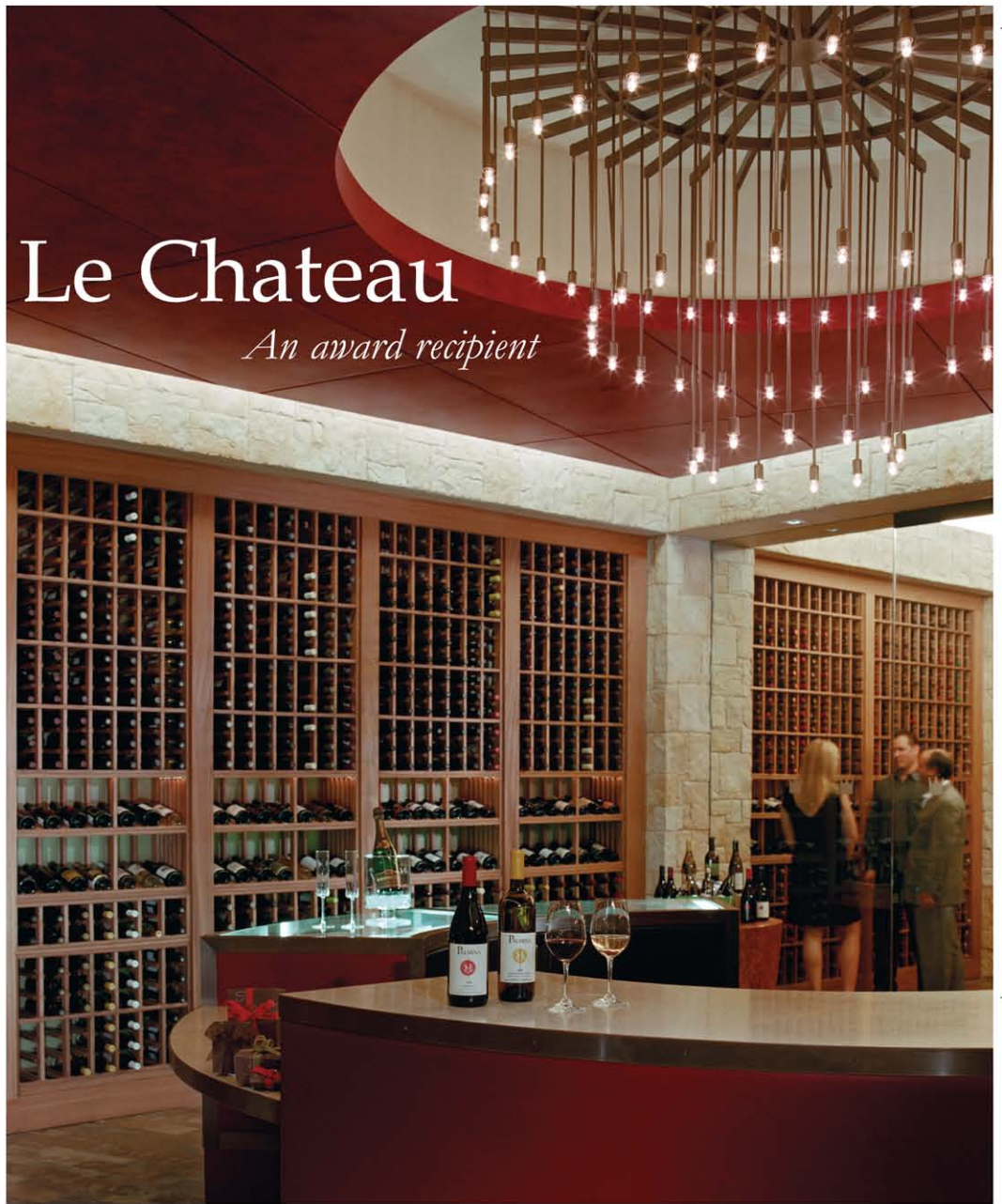


If you can't find time to drive up to the Central Coast vineyards, which start at Santa Barbara in the south and end at Paso Robles in the north, Le Chateau at the Beverly Hilton is the right alternative for the determined wine aficionado. Representing more than 165 different Central Coast wines along with more from the Napa Valley and many fine vineyards from around the world, the new lush boutique offers wine tasting and gourmet chocolate tasting. Who can resist this tantalizing pair for the refined palate?

Le Chateau is run by sommelier Georges Serna, who is the former general manager of the Regency Club and former director of food and beverage at Hillcrest Country Club. It has a cellar of over 4,500 bottles and is one of the few locations in California that carries Neuhaus chocolates from Belgium, including Princess Diana's favorite, the Caprice. Caprice chocolates are wafer thin nougatine shells that are filled with vanilla fresh cream and coated with dark

Le Chateau

An award recipient



chocolate. The shop also carries gift baskets, wine accessories and glassware, "Le Nez du Vin" scent guides and chef-quality knives.

In addition to its offerings and exquisite design, Le Chateau has not missed the notice of the Southern California Chapter of the International Interior Design Association. The Association has awarded Le Chateau and its design firm Gensler with the prestigious Calibre Award for "**Best in Retail/Showroom 2006.**"

The interior has the appearance of a classic European wine cellar with elements of modern California architecture. Mahogany and golden hues add to the warm and elegant ambiance. The rest is for you to describe and experience. Le Chateau is located next to the Lobby Lounge at the Beverly Hilton. 9876 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills. 310.887.6006. www.LeChateauBH.com.

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