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The HOT List

by Kristen Shirley and
Margaret Shakespeare

IN KEEPING WITH THIS EDITION'S ADVENTURE THEME, THE HOT LIST TAKES YOU ON EXCITING JOURNEYS FROM THE TOP OF ANCIENT MAYAN RUINS TO THE DEPTHS OF EUROPE'S FORGOTTEN WINE CELLARS AND THE MOUNTAINOUS CALM OF THE DOLOMITES

The rare spirits hunters

Clockwise from left: Stunning views over Portugal's Douro Valley; forgotten casks and bottles in dark cellars; The Last Drop brings the best of these lost spirits to the market

The Last Drop specializes in finding the "freak accidents" of the spirits world.

Founders Tom Jago and James Espey call themselves the antique dealers of the liquor industry, but we think they are more than that. Rather than simply selling bottles that have been carefully accounted for and tracked throughout the years, they scour the globe for casks forgotten in a dark corner of a cellar or warehouse. When they uncover something truly special, they bring it to life, bottling quite literally the last drop of these spirits in extremely limited releases. The first 10 whiskies and cognacs they offered have yielded under 5,500 bottles, with the smallest release featuring only 32. To celebrate its 10th anniversary, The Last Drop ventures into the world of port with The Centenario set, two incredible aged tawny ports separated by 100 years. These old *colheita* (single estate) ports come from Cristiano van Zeller, whose family has been well-established wine merchants in Portugal's Douro Valley since the 17th century. The younger wine in the set is from 1970. Ben Hawkins, The Last Drop's port expert, describes it as having a "glorious reddish-brown color; aromas of rich, balanced nutty fruits; deep, rich, balanced flavors giving way to an enviable freshness that excites and enervates the aftertaste." The 1870 vintage will delight port aficionados even more. Van Zeller says its nearly 150 years in the cask have "concentrated the color, the depth and the aromas. Time seems to stop as the wine envelops the palate." The Centenario set comes in a forest-green leather case and is accompanied by a 50ml miniature of each port, a tasting book and certificate. For special clients, The Last Drop will organize a trip to the Douro Valley to meet van Zeller and enjoy a private tasting.

**\$5,500, limited to 770 sets worldwide,
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Malibu meets the Dolomites

What better way to see the breathtaking beauty of the Dolomites than by hiking through them? The Ranch, the highly regarded luxury boot camp in Malibu, California, heads to the Italian mountain range this summer for a five-week pop-up, promising transformation and detox at the Rosa Alpina hotel. During each weeklong retreat, daily four-hour hikes with knowledgeable local guides provide stunning vistas and a glimpse into the local culture (although if you don't prepare properly, you might be tempted to call a helicopter to rescue you and give you a quick aerial tour of the mountains before heading home!). The celebrity-adored Ranch program offers eight to nine hours of daily physical activity (afternoons are spent in classes such as yoga, TRX and strength training), organic vegan meals (no caffeine, alcohol or sugar allowed) and a digital detox. From August 19 to September 29, it

takes its philosophy and famous six-almond snacks to Italy for a program that is sure to fill up quickly, as each session is limited to just 20 participants. While the days will be grueling, the surroundings are comforting, luxurious and restful. In addition to Rosa Alpina's gracious accommodations, its beautiful spa will soothe tired muscles with well-earned massages. Before the trip, each guest will receive a 30-day preparation package to wean participants off alcohol, caffeine and sugar and get them used to lots of walking. The boot camp itself includes cooking and nutrition classes to encourage lifelong healthy eating. Since guests will be hiking over 60 miles through the challenging landscape during their stay, we recommend you start your training now!

\$8,500 for seven-day program,
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From top: The beguiling landscape of the Dolomites; the Rosa Alpina hotel



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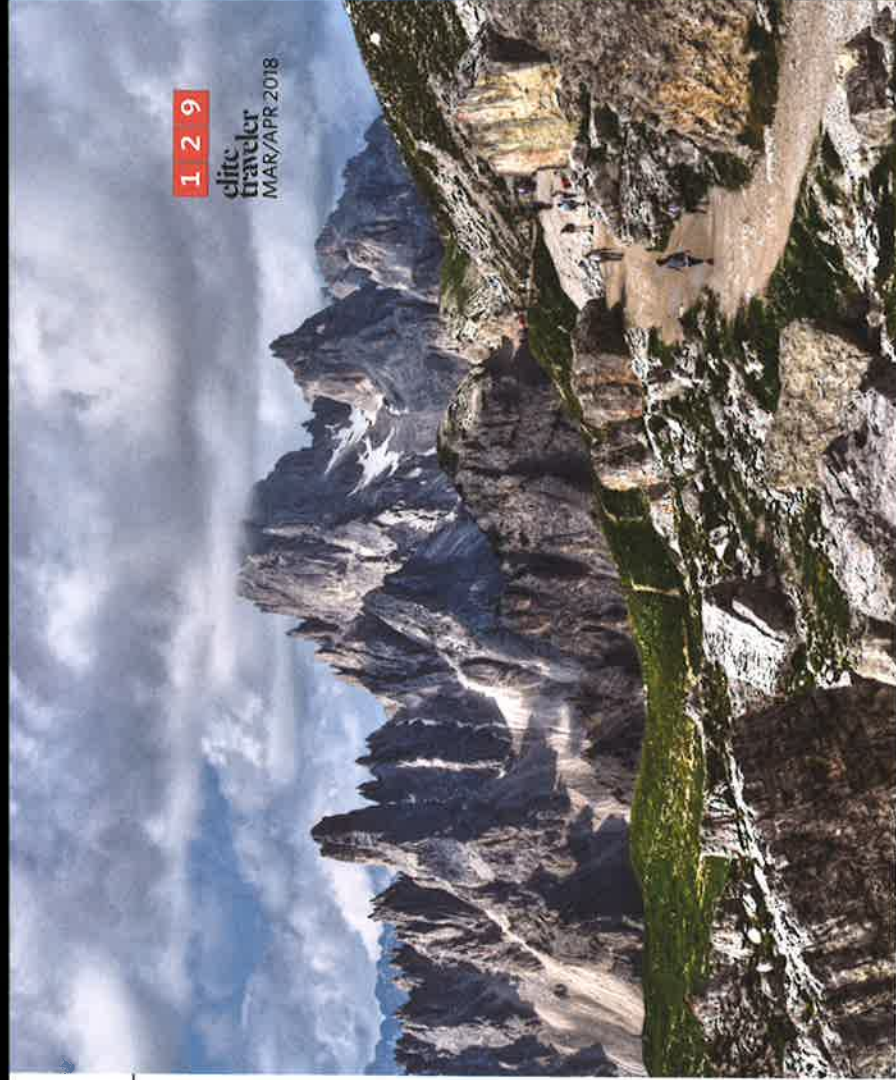
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