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★ ARIZONA SPECIAL ★

SPECTACULAR SOUTHWEST

Troon's collection of courses in Arizona draws players looking for unique beauty, elevated design, and unmatched lifestyle.

BOULDERS RESORT & SPA, SCOTTSDALE

TROON DINES

At Utah's Red Ledges, Chef Clark Norris raises the bar on dining and members are simply thrilled.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Longtime friend of Troon, the late Tom Weiskopf delivered one last design gem in St. George, Utah, at Black Desert Resort Golf Course.

BEST IN THE WEST

California and Arizona both boast some top-notch destination resorts. Here are four where "stay and play" takes on a truly special meaning.



LIVING UP TO ITS HISTORY

NEW CHAPTER UNFOLDS AT **SILVERADO** IN CALIFORNIA'S WINE COUNTRY

By Tom Mackin

PLENTY OF ROARS have echoed across the fairways at **Silverado Resort and Spa** in Napa, Calif., since it started hosting professional golf tournaments more than 50 years ago. But few, if any, matched the ovation that came after Max Homa chipped in for an improbable birdie on the 72nd hole this past September, a shot that led to his second consecutive victory at the PGA Tour's Fortinet Championships. The jolt of energy that electrified the crowd that day was similar in nature to the effect resort-wide changes are having since new ownership came on board in early 2022.

In fact, by the time the Fortinet Championships returns to Silverado next Sept. 14-17, much will have evolved at this iconic resort in the heart of California wine country. Investments already underway have included new outdoor furniture around the resort, resurfacing of tennis courts, new agronomic equipment, and enhancements of outdoor event spaces. Coming soon is a new golf cart fleet, improved signage throughout the resort and on both golf courses, an upgraded practice facility, and enhancement of the spa facility.

Given Napa Valley's sterling reputation for unforgettable dining and wine options, perhaps most notable is a new food and beverage team that is updating the menus at The Grill in the clubhouse and other



dining venues, as well as creating special menus for the upcoming holidays and food and wine events.

"As we start a new chapter at Silverado Resort, we are dedicated to furthering the resort and region's destination travel appeal by showcasing the best of our food and wine culture," said Todd Shallan, vice president and managing director of Silverado Resort and Spa. "We recently hired two consummate industry professionals to help strengthen our dedication to Napa's extraordinary food and wine experiences - 35year career hospitality leader Edward Christensen will helm our efforts as the resort's new director of food and beverage, and Patrick Prager, with over 20 years of outstanding performance in the culinary

industry, is now our executive chef."

On the resort's two enjoyable courses, maintaining an already high standard of playing conditions remains the primary goal. The Fortinet Championship is held on the North Course, where the mostly treelined, straightforward holes can extend to more than 7,100 yards for the pros. The adjacent South Course, which used to host a Champions Tour event, holds its own with an engaging layout that features more up and down topography than its adjacent sibling.

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you're playing off the same grass types and solid conditions as on the North Course," said director of club operations, Cody Sherrill. "Our members have really appreciated the extra efforts we have been putting into the South Course over time. It's really in the best shape that it's ever been. Four years ago we were doing about 50 percent of the same agronomic practices as on the North Course. In 2021, we did about 95 percent of the same practices, and really the only difference left was work required by the PGA Tour on the North Course. Our experienced grounds team does a phenomenal job and is always working to improve upon the amazing conditions we have."



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SPECIAL OFFER

Troon cardholders have the chance to experience both of Silverado's courses, plus enjoy some locally made wine, with the Troon Wine and Golf Experience package. It includes nightly accommodations; one bottle of Kerr Cellars Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (created by twotime major winner and LPGA veteran Cristie Kerr and her team); one round of golf per person, per stay; free golf after 2 pm on arrival day; and unlimited use of the resort's practice facility, range balls, and club storage service. Pricing starts at \$329 per night through December 2022.

For more information go to www.silveradoresort.com/troon.