

EXCLUSIVE T+L's 125 Top Travel Super-Agents

# TRAVEL + LEISURE

SEPTEMBER 2004

## Ultimate Fall Travel Guide

**The New Napa  
Best Paris Bistros  
Red-Hot Rio  
Italy's 25 Latest  
(and Greatest) Hotels  
Asia Made Easy**

What's Your Next Trip?



**NAPA SHOWS ITS RANGE** Taylor's Refresher, a St. Helena diner.

### THE FACTS

A car is essential for touring Napa. Highway 29 is the main artery of the 30-mile-long valley; the more scenic Silverado Trail is less crowded on weekends.

### CALIFORNIA



### WHERE TO EAT

#### Taylor's Refresher

America would be a happier place if every roadside diner were this outstanding.

DINNER FOR TWO \$40

933 MAIN ST., ST. HELENA

707/963-3486

### NAPA VALLEY

(Continued from page 128) ... offers cabernet & more service.

The high proportion of great restaurants per capita in St. Helena seems to draw a lot of attention to the place; it's Taylor's Refresher, however, that put this town on the map in 1949. Taylor's is a spiffy outdoor canteen with a mid-century look, absent the retro detritus of a new diner. But then the menu isn't exactly nostalgic, either. Besides the burgers and BLT's there are impeccably rare ahi burgers with ginger slaw, chile-laced fish tacos, and bright-green garlic-dipped fries. We lingered as long as possible at the dining bar and washed the meal down with a white-pistachio milk shake and Roto, Napa's homegrown red soda, modeled on the slightly bitter Italian soft drinks.

This night, we arrived at Calistoga ...