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The Robert Louis Stevenson suite at Napa's Poetry Inn.

CLOSE TO THE VINE

Most of the world's wine regions have terrific hotels and inns, because travelers love the combination of connoisseurship and countryside. But some people want to get even closer to the action, and a growing number of wineries now provide luxury lodgings on-site—particularly desirable for guests who don't want to

829-0123; mangiacane.it. New in Napa Valley is the **Poetry Inn**. Cliff Lede Vineyards built the exclusive lodging—there are only five rooms—on an adjacent hillside with gorgeous views. Guest rooms are decorated in warm colors, and each has a private porch from which to ponder the sunset while enjoying the vineyard's excellent Cabernet Sauvignon. Rooms from \$575. 707-944-0646; poetryinn.com.

—TED LOOS

LENDING A HAND

In 2001, Liz Wald, a successful Harvard- and Kellogg-educated consultant, took some time off and traveled through the developing world searching for a way to use her business savvy to improve the lives of the people she met. Eventually, a visit in 2003 to the war-torn African country of Rwanda inspired her to found **Economic Development Imports**, a New York for-profit company that imports home-decor items and fashion accessories made by survivors of the Rwandan genocide. "Rwanda is lacking in natural resources, and the people had gone through unspeakable tragedy," says Wald. "They were in desperate need of economic opportunity." Her company has expanded to include imports from Uganda and Kenya, and it helps support some 1,500 people, mostly women, who are paid fair wages for such products as colorful sisal baskets (\$30) and mohair ponchos (\$100), both made in Rwanda, tree-bark journals (\$18) from Uganda and beaded boxes, at left (\$86 for the set), from Kenya. The goods are sold in shops at the Smithsonian Institution and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and they can also be ordered through the company's Web site. 917-520-7290; edimports.com.

—SUZANNE GANNON

did you know?

Tetiaroa, the late Marlon Brando's private atoll in Tahiti, will be the site of an exclusive eco-resort. The **BRANDO**, with thirty secluded villas, is scheduled to open in 2008.

