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Château La Tour de By,
in Bordeaux's Médoc area.

Plan Now

Stomping Ground

- If you're partial to the grape and headed to Paris or London in late September, consider tacking on Bordeaux for the harvest (you can fly direct from both cities, and the high-speed rail from Paris launches in July). A specialist like French Wine Explorers can nab appointments for tastings, which you'll need during the *vendange*, since, unlike Napa, you can't just roll up to a staffed tasting room. They can also help arrange lunches with winemakers (reds will flow, but don't miss the very good *sémillons* and small-batch *rosés*) and tours at Château Pape Clément. Or go blend your own bottle at Château Paloumey Haut-Médoc, and spend real time in the vineyard, picking the cab and merlot fruits. We like to stay at the 12-room ultramod Yndo Hotel (which made our Hot List last year). It's within walking distance of downtown (you'll want at least one meal at Chez Boulan—make it oysters and lobster) and a quick 30-minute drive from the vines. CHANTEL TATOLI

Go Now

A City for Grown-Ups

Santa Fe is no place to be with kids...okay, *my* kids. Don't get me wrong—they loved wandering among the buskers and eating shaved ice in the adobe-lined plaza, but they were far more interested in Pokémon Go than in the city's 14 art institutions (like the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum), 250-plus galleries (notably SITE Santa Fe, in the Railyard, an emerging contemporary-arts hub), and Spanish colonial churches. My husband and I even had to bolt in the middle of *Don Giovanni*—the open-air opera has insane desert views, and this summer it's staging Mason Bates's buzzy *(R)evolution of Steve Jobs*—because the kids were raising hell back at the hotel. My other goof was missing the Indian Market (August 19–20), for Navajo rugs and black Pueblo-style pottery. Next time, we'll be able to slowly sip our 505 Manhattans at Radish & Rye, whose 75 bourbons and whiskeys are an antidote to tequila overload, and get a table (for two, not five!) at Eloisa, where John Rivera Sedlar (his grandaunt was O'Keeffe's chef) serves a duck *enfrijolada* to erase the memory of nineties "South-western." And I'm booking a room at the central Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi, where that kiva fireplace won't go to waste. ALEX POSTMAN

ALSO KEEP IN MIND...

Untrammelled Amalfi
If heading to *la costiera*, consider the villages of Praiano or Minori. Their access to that famous coastline is on par with Positano's, but with much thinner crowds. Casa Angelina in Praiano has con-

verted old fishermen's cottages into modern suites carved right into the cliffs, steps from the beach.

Patagonia by Horse
From November through early May, Caballadas ranch in Argentina's Patagonia Lake District will offer family-friendly horseback rides complete with gaucho-style lunches.