

WINTER TRAVEL ISSUE

# SKI

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THE BEST

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Nightlife, and More

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# Top 50 Resorts

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## Lounge Act

PULL UP A CHAISE AND CHILL AT ANY OF THESE REFINED ALTERNATIVES TO THE SKI-TOWN BAR SCENE. *By Susan Reifer Ryan*



**LOUNGE** » Vista Lounge

**WHERE** » Montage Deer Valley, Deer Valley, Utah

**WHY GO** » Soignée goes family-style in this slopeside great room. Carved limestone fireplaces and a gleaming pewter bar are balanced by hand-scraped wood floors and inviting clusters of cushy seat-

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Lucky Dog Vodka, launched by former U.S. Freestyle Teamer Greg Nichols, is distilled using Idaho winter wheat and Snake River meltwater.

**WHY GO** » Icicle-shaped lights dangle over blue-gray banquettes. The curved bar glows like phosphorescent cracked ice. DJs spin. Daily happy hour draws both hotel guests and word-of-mouth patrons from the village. Frost pours 55 fine tequilas, 40 single malts, a dozen hard-to-find bourbons, and more than 30 beers while also crafting cool originals like the Antioxidant (infused with blueberry and pomegranate) and the prosecco-based Elixir No. 16.

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**LOUNGE** » Moody's Bistro, Bar & Beats

**WHERE** » Truckee, Calif.

**WHY GO** » A smart facelift, a new chef (David Lutz, formerly sous-chef at San Fran's Postrio), and new, wallet-friendly menu selections join impresario JJ Morgan's smokin' hot live jazz from around the globe. Overhead, vintage black-and-white cartoons play silently. On your plate, new gastropub fare (truffled deviled eggs, handcrafted corn dogs) pairs with select California casks on tap.

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