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place I call home," says Arrington, a *Top Chef* alum. "We wanted to offer the neighborhood a vibe that is multi-textured and unpretentious." \$\$\$; 123 Washington Blvd.; [leonavenice.com](http://leonavenice.com).

STAY / Paso Robles

### City slickers' haven

A quiet farm in the country: That's been the urbanite dream for decades, and for Angelenos, Paso Robles has become the



The "barn apartment" at Rancho Dos Amantes.

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go-to destination for that slower-paced escape. Enter **Rancho Dos Amantes**, a year-and-a-half-old B&B on a 49-acre ranch about 25 miles northwest of Paso. Three casitas, including one cherry-red “barn apartment” big enough for a family of four, provide accommodations amid olive groves, fruit orchards, vegetable gardens, and livestock. “If you get up at 7, you can milk goats with me,” says owner Tamera Clifford. Not all aspects are so rustic. The casitas have private porches, antique furnishings, and full kitchenettes. Guests can relax by the firepits with a glass of complimentary, local Zinfandel or take a cooking class in a

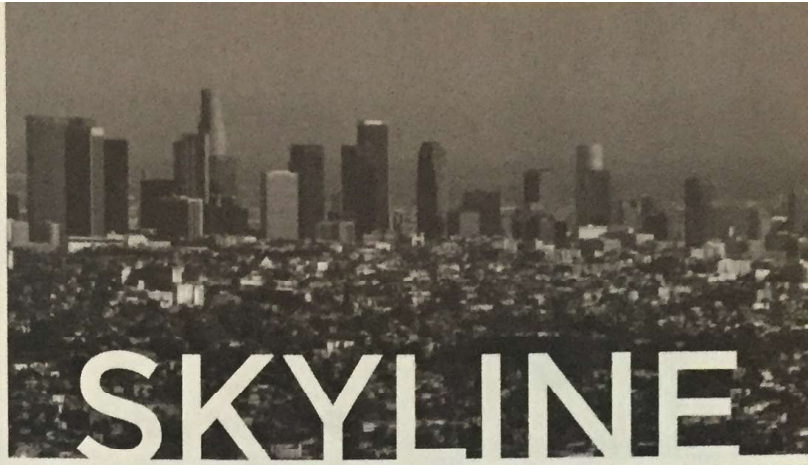
renovated barn. From \$165; 2-night min.; classes from \$75/person; [ranchodosamantes.com](http://ranchodosamantes.com).

**EAT / San Diego**  
**Ruffling feathers**

“Brunch, the socially acceptable excuse for day drinking.” So reads a quote scrawled across a table in six-month-old **Breakfast Republic**, a cheeky North Park spot dedicated to that beloved weekend meal. Indulgent morning classics stock the menu, with sweet options like Oreo pancakes and s’mores french toast, as well as chicken-wing breakfast bowls and veggie tostadas. It upholds the promise of that table too, with 20 craft beers on tap,

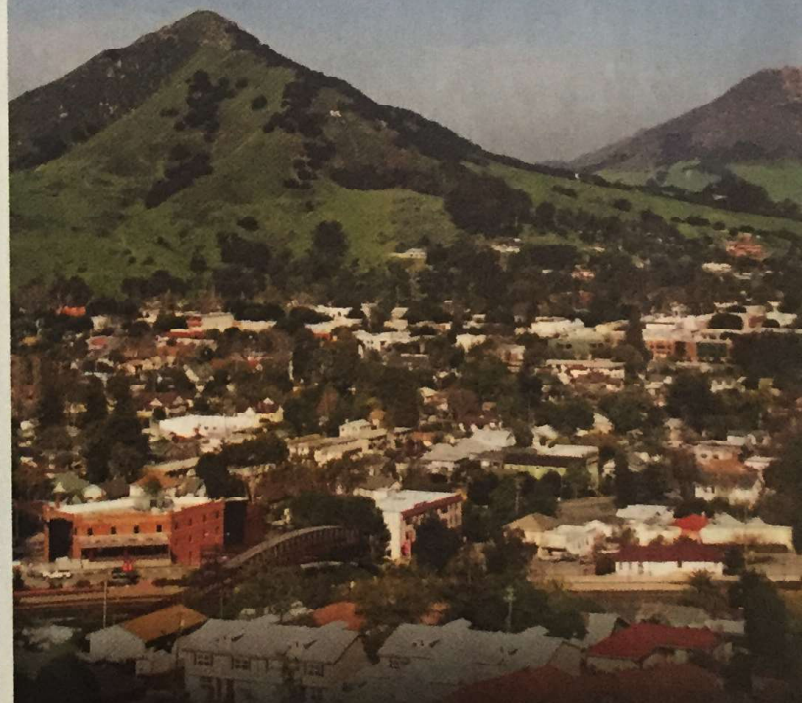
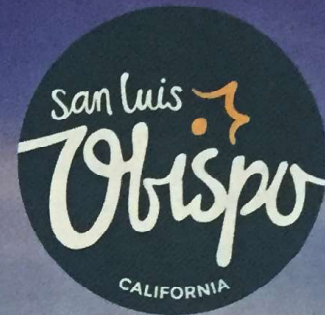


Brunch options at Breakfast Republic (top) include mushroom-and-pesto Benedicts (bottom).



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