



HORSING AROUND

## JOY RIDE

Lifetime San Diegans may remember Warner Springs Ranch Resort as the legendary 2,500-acre property that opened its doors in the 1920s with 250 casitas, a golf course, natural hot springs and a private airport—where the likes of Clark Gable and John Wayne landed to retreat from the L.A. hustle and bustle. After shuttering its doors in 2012, the rustic getaway is finally queued for a comeback. Pacific Hospitality Group, which purchased the property in 2013, is reopening the ranch and restoring its former glory in a series of phases. Phase One included the relaunch of the 18-hole golf course, clubhouse and Warner Springs Ranch Grill. The latest unveiling marks the return of the storied equestrian center, now offering two-hour trail rides by reservation, and, soon, special horsemanship events and wagon rides. Enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels can trot through the rural foothills on the outskirts of Julian, appreciating the region's historical charm rooted in Native American traditions, Spanish exploration and Hollywood glamour. Giddy up! warnerspringsranchresort.com—KS

MEMBERS ONLY

FLONT IT! You may have a few pieces of head-turning, envy-inspiring fine jewelry in your safe. But what if you could add one or two different pieces to your collection each month, then send them back? That's the idea behind Flont.Club. a new online platform for short-term loans of exquisite high-end baubles from the likes of edgier designers such as Deborah Pagani and Sabine Gerry, or classic vintage pieces from Tiffany & Co. and Asprey. Members can flaunt up to \$5,000 per month in fine jewelry and up to \$60,000 annually for a monthly fee. And the names behind Flont.Club are as sparkling as the pieces themselves: A former jewelry editor for W magazine curates the collection, which changes every Tuesday, and the founder, Cormac Kinney, was previously president of Mimi So International. Finders, keepers? If you discover a piece with which you can't bear to part, members get a 15 percent discount. "A pleasant surprise was how many of our clients turned out to be men," admits Kinney. "They are buying their wives and girlfriends beautifully wrapped gift cards [good] for \$15,000 in jewelry for three months." Which reminds us: Mother's Day is May 14. Monthly membership \$249, flont.club - Stephanie Davis Smith



HAPPY HOUR

## SODERBERGH'S SPIRIT

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"People travel and experience new food and drinks [all the time], but they don't always decide to become importers," jokes producer/director/cinematographer Steven Soderbergh, alluding to his newest venture, Singani 63—a Bolivian spirit he recently bottled and brought stateside. "If the 5½ months I was shooting Che [in Bolivia] hadn't involved drinking Singani every night, I'm not sure I would have made the decision to bring it to the United States," explains Soderbergh. "Over a long period of time, [I] got so used to the spirit and so enamored by it... to the point that my crazy idea [to import it] began to sound not so crazy," This floral alcohol, which is native to Bolivia, is considered a not-so-distant relative to pisco and can be served in a variety of ways, from neat and on the rocks to mixed in a cocktail. "When I first tried Singani, it was like nothing I had ever tasted. I consider myself somewhat of a professional drinker, and I hadn't ever experienced the combination of this bouquet, smoothness and [high] alcohol content," s ays the creative. "And once I brought it [home], I began to discover its versatility." While Soderbergh is looking to garner "box office success" for Singani 63, he's doing so at a reasonable pace. "My ultimate goal for the brand is to not be bought out—I want to turn Singani 63 into a sustainable business," he says. We'll drink to that. \$30, Krisp Beverages + Natural Foods, 2511 C St., krispsd.com; singani63.com—MM