



## Unemcumbered

▶ Last year, JVC became the first company to deliver a camcorder that stores video on a hard drive, meaning no tapes or disks to carry around. The Everio was revolutionary. Well, the company takes that technology to a whole new level with its Everio 30 GB model, which packs enough storage to hold more than 10 hours of DVD quality video. The lightweight, compact design may be taken anywhere, and is compatible with both Mac and PC computers. \$900. (800) 526-5308. [www.jvc.com](http://www.jvc.com).



## SoCal Holiday

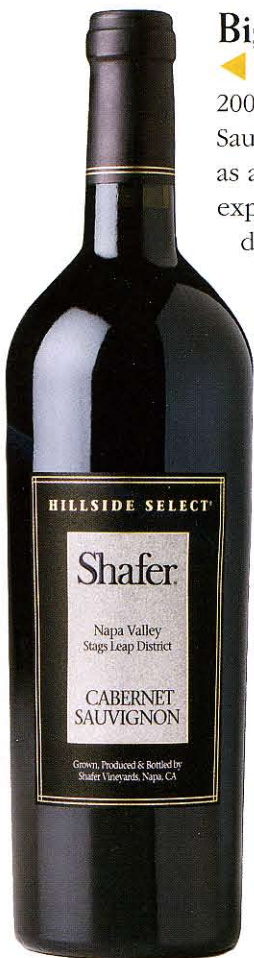
▶ Heading to San Diego for the holidays? Check in at Britt Scripps Inn, a meticulously restored Queen Anne-style building with just nine rooms in the historic Bankers Hill neighborhood. You can't miss it, especially at night. The three story boutique, indisputably one of San Diego's finest Victorians, has been dressed for the holidays, with sparkling white lights hanging from every window and balcony, as well as wreaths decorating windows and poinsettias adding even more color on the porches. But it's the

inside that will impress the most, from the two-story stained glass panels and an ornate, hand-carved oak staircase dating back more than a century to modern conveniences like WiFi and 1,000 thread-count linens. Each room at the Inn, which is named for the first two owners, features antique furnishings and rugs as well as intricate sconces and period wallpaper, but the overall effect is ornate rather than fussy. (888) 881-1991. [www.brittscrippsinn.com](http://www.brittscrippsinn.com).



## Big, Beautiful Cab

▶ The sheer heft of this chunky bottle of 2001 Shafer Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon promises treasures inside, much as a massive safe tells burglars to reasonably expect valuables within. And this bottle delivers. Opulent yet balanced, it's both powerful and subtle. All the grapes — 100 percent Cab — come from a collection of Shafer-owned hillside vineyards in the Stags Leap District of Napa Valley, and the wine rests for 32 months in new French oak. Even at this young age, the wine's tannins are soft and silky, and there's a pleasing mix of spice, herbs and bittersweet chocolate. Pick up a case and lay most of it down for several years or more to see it evolve. \$175.



## Height of Elegance

▶ What woman wouldn't love to find this in her stocking? The sparkling white diamond tank watch from Graff is elegance itself, featuring a baguette diamond case, a glorious princess-cut diamond bracelet and an invisibly set ruby dial. Add them up, and the diamonds weigh in at an impressive 30.10 carats; total ruby weight is 8.40. The best part? The next time you're running late, your significant other won't mind — she'll be glad for the chance to check her wrist. Price upon request. (212) 355-9292. [www.graffdiamonds.com](http://www.graffdiamonds.com).