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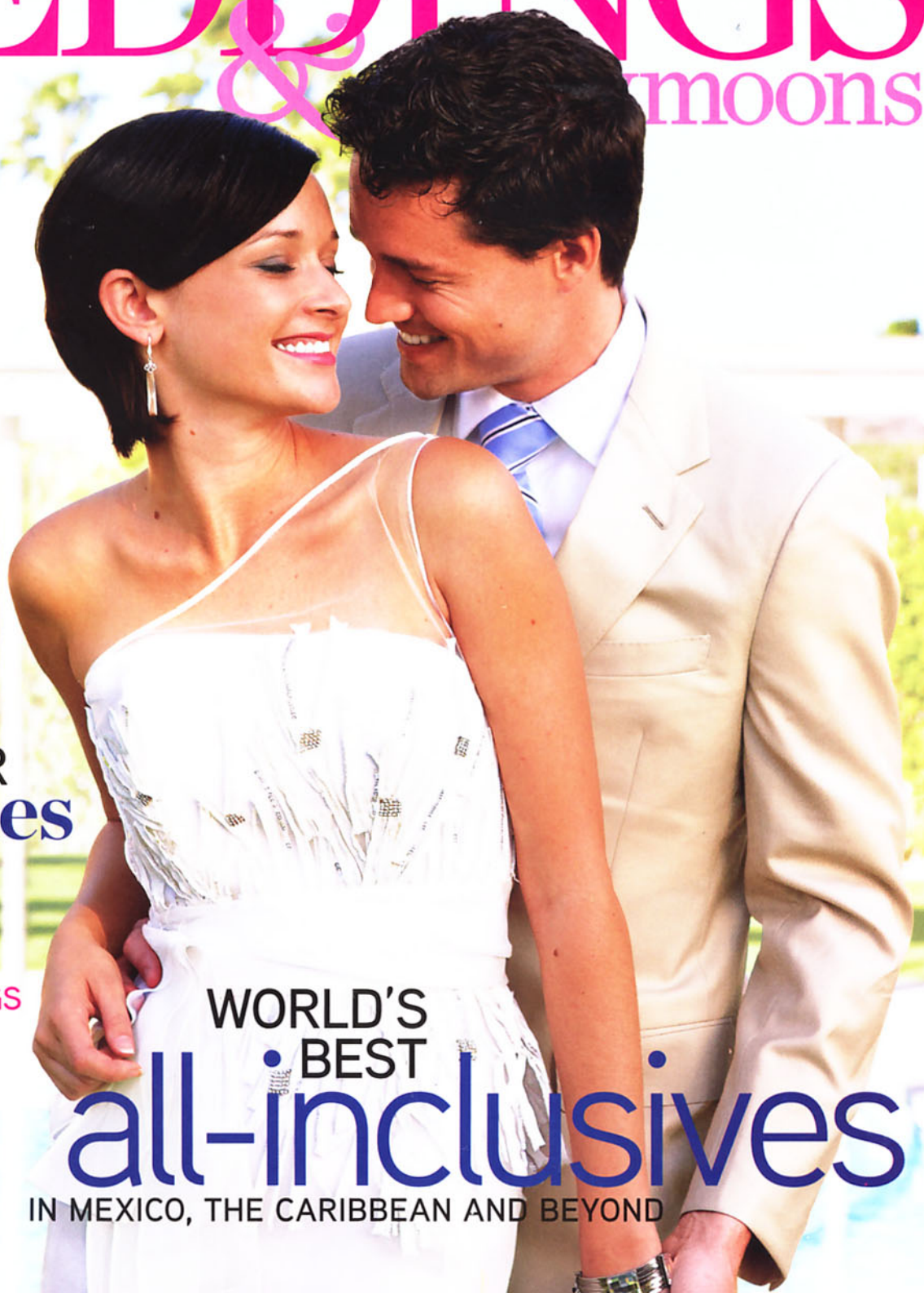
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NAPA THREE WAYS

Three new boutique hotels put creative spins on the California wine-wedding concept.

Go Fun

The wedding package at HOTEL LUCA isn't called La Festa for nothing. Rent out the property's 20 rooms for complete privacy, and design your event around the central courtyard. Make your entrance via a stone bridge, then celebrate in the Cantinetta Piero, where chef Jason Balestrieri's menu can go informal or formal, from a family-style feast to a multi-course blowout under the stars. Rooms from \$350; weddings customized.

Go Groovy

Designed by the same tastemakers behind Napa Valley fave Auberge du Soleil, SOLAGE CALISTOGA (above) takes indoor-outdoor chic to new heights. Invite up to 230 guests to

an alfresco ceremony on the lawn. Receptions are held in a 3,500-square-foot event barn with glass walls that open to sunny trellised terraces. The 89 rooms are semidetached "studios" with their own patios, and the spa is one of the region's best. Rooms from \$375; weddings customized.

Go Green

An eco philosophy permeates the 62-room BARDESSONO, from the locavore menu to furnishings handcrafted from recycled materials. The hotel works individually with each couple to create custom events; favorite venues include the ballroom, its adjacent courtyard and a spectacular rooftop pool. Rooms from \$350; weddings customized. — Melanie Haiken

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DOG-FRIENDLY DUDS

We love destination brides for their untraditional spirits and trendsetting touches — like including pets in their nuptials (à la Carrie Underwood, whose chihuahua, Ace, will act as her ring bearer). For adorable accessories, we're loving **UP COUNTRY**, a leading purveyor of designer collars, leads, toys and more. In April 2010, the Providence, Rhode Island-based manufacturer launched a new bridal line of collars great for multiple wedding motifs. Choose from fabrics like patterned ribbon (with prints of wedding rings or doves), cream taffeta, black velvet and tulle. Fun accents range from pearls to cloth roses, daisies and hydrangeas. Plus, sizes run from extra-small to extra-large, so it's easy to find the perfect fit, whether you

have a tiny teacup yorkie, a big lumbering lab — or both! After the affair, show off your stylish pooch by submitting a photo for the company's website gallery.

Collars from \$25.
— Tara Bradley



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