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"ALL HONEY IS GOOD, but only some honeys are great. Ours fall into the latter category," says Ted Dennard, whose company bottles nine types of honey. The tupelo and organic acacia come in elegant, tapered bottles (left). **TUPELO FLUTE, \$23/20 OZ.;** SAVANNAHBEE.COM.

{ NOTES FROM THE FARM }

Savannah Bee Co.

Ted Dennard was in the fifth grade when he first tagged along with Roy Hightower, a beekeeper who kept hives on the Dennard family property in Georgia. "Roy held up a honeycomb to the sun so that it was backlit, and I was hooked," says Dennard. "The more you learn about bees, the more amazing they become." After college and a stint in Jamaica with the Peace Corps, Dennard settled in Savannah, where he taught elementary school, tended bees, and started bottling honey to give as gifts and sell in a few stores. "Before long, shops began calling me about my honey," he says. Seven years ago, Dennard founded the Savannah Bee Co. and began selling artisanal honeys and beeswax creams and balms online and nationwide. Today, his honey products are sold in some 2,000 stores, including his newly opened retail outlet, the Savannah Bee Co. Honey House in Savannah's historic district.



[FIG. 1]

{ THE BEST WAY... }

TO STORE FRESH HERBS

If you plan to use fresh-picked or store-bought basil, mint, parsley, or other herbs within 24 hours, trim the ends with scissors and stand the plants (unwashed) in a "vase" of water, as you would with flowers. To prolong their flavor and vitamin content for up to a week, loosely tent the herbs in the glass with a plastic sandwich bag; secure with a rubber band and move to the refrigerator. Refresh water daily. Rinse herbs just before using.



INN OF THE MONTH

THE GAIGE HOUSE

Glen Ellen, Calif.

LOCATED IN THE QUIET town of Glen Ellen (pop.: 992), just a 15-minute drive from Sonoma's charming central plaza, the Gaige House offers 23 airy rooms, including eight suites. Each of the spacious rooms reflects a tranquil Asian design aesthetic, and the luxurious suites feature a patio, fireplace, and large bathroom with a granite soaking tub that overlooks a private Japanese-inspired garden. **WHEN YOU VISIT,** take in the region's many acclaimed wineries and restaurants, spend the day in the town of Napa (which lies just 22 miles to the southeast), and hike through nearby Jack London State Historic Park, a 1,400-acre refuge with 10 wooded trails and a small museum dedicated to the author of the 1903 American classic *The Call of the Wild*. **ROOM RATES** start at \$200 and include evening tastings of regional wine and artisanal cheeses. The inn also boasts a heated pool and hot tub. (800) 935-0237; gaige.com.