

FLAMINGO RESORT & SPA

Five Star Features at a Moderate Price

by Frances Rivetti

Four million dollars of extensive interior and exterior remodeling with sleek, state-of-the-art style including slate and bamboo, flat screen televisions, plush, white, European spa-style bedding, a second, brand new heated lap pool and energy-efficient lighting and windows have done wonders for the legendary, new-look Flamingo Resort and Spa, Santa Rosa's ultimate, restyled retro resort.

Five star features at a moderate price range ... isn't that what most of us are looking for in today's market for the ideal hotel resort destination stay? And where many up-scale Wine Country resort spa hotels come up short in personality and warmth, The Flamingo continues to maintain its one-of-a-kind status as the friendliest, most fun and affordable place to stay in Sonoma County.

Designated a Santa Rosa historic landmark and inspired by the graceful glass and stone design of the fabled Las Vegas Flamingo, the Wine Country hotel was built in the late 1950s and is central to twelve distinct wine appellations and unlimited regional recreational activities. A favorite destination for catered functions, weddings, parties and conferences, the Santa Rosa Flamingo is home to award-winning Montecito Heights Health Club with its outstanding and state-of-the-art lap pool – a rare on-site commodity, complimenting the hotel's 170 tastefully remodeled rooms, all set amidst artfully-maintained and mature gardens. The



Voted:

- Best Sunday Buffet Brunch
 - Best Resort Spa
- for Sonoma County!**

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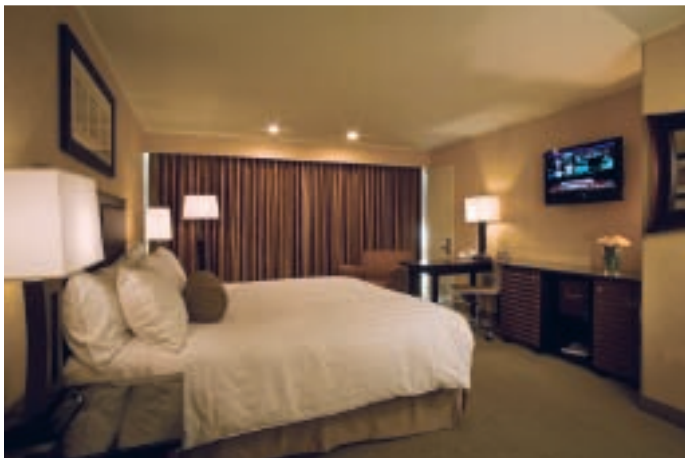
full-service spa features 12 treatment rooms including Body Scrub Vichy shower (photo shown, page 34) and includes use of the lap pool, sauna, steam rooms and Jacuzzi.

Family owned and operated for the past 30 years, The Flamingo's proprietor Pierre Ehret infuses his European heritage into this quintessential Sonoma

County experience. Alongside a penchant for providing a superior quality guest experience worthy of all of the great hotel spas of the world, Ehret takes enormous pride in his resort-wide display of classic collector Charlie Brown character statues.

Its strong connection to the glamour of Hollywood and Las Vegas attracts film crews and visiting celebrities for a wide variety of modern amenities immersed in the glorious ambience of an original 1950s summer resort.

Spacious, family-friendly rooms are equipped with voice-mail, data-ports, climate control, eco-friendly bath products, direct-dial telephones, coffee makers, irons and ironing boards, remote controlled, flat-front televisions with expansive cable offerings. Fully equipped accommodations for physically challenged guests are available and the resort boasts 14 suites, executive poolside rooms and



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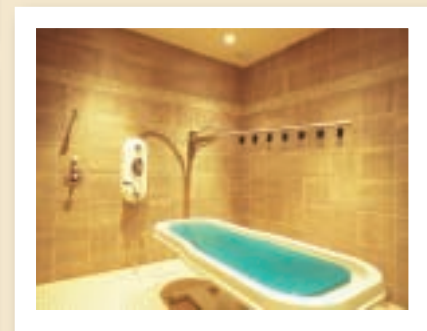
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multiple function rooms throughout.

Stroll along covered walkways of polished flagstone toward a giant sycamore and cedar dotted outdoor pool and you will find ample room for lounging under the new cabana or by the poolside bar.

Though an ever-changing lineup of live music, dance and informal nightlife at the retro Flamingo Lounge is undoubtedly one of the resort's major attractions for locals, conference and resort-spa visitors have little reason to leave the Flamingo for evening entertainment and hospitality.

Offering Wine Country cuisine and poolside dining in summer months; the remodeled Terrace Grill is a destination-dining venue in itself for its distinctive, regional dishes. During daytime hours, diners enjoy sweeping views over the resort's attractive pool and



gardens and in the evening, a moonlit pool provides a romantic backdrop for platters of fresh, local ingredients celebrating the bounty of Sonoma County. Bohemian Newspaper reader-voted "Best of Sonoma County" Sunday KJZY Brunch is a popular weekend treat.

Room prices range from \$109 to \$259 with winter weekend specials as low as \$99 per night. Flamingo Resort & Spa is conveniently located 2777 4th Street on Highway 12 on Farmer's Lane, across from Montgomery Village, Santa Rosa, CA 95405; (707) 545-8530, www.flamingoresort.com.

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