



High-profile clients, like Cindy Crawford and Kylie Minogue, can slip into this private room at Robin's new salon through a secret back entrance.

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

CHRISTOPHE ROBIN

A pocket-size French farming village might not be the obvious place for the hair colorist to Catherine Deneuve and Tilda Swinton to get his start. "My mother was a farm girl who colored her hair from a box, but the transformation was amazing to me," says Christophe Robin, who picked up his first coloring brush at a local salon when he was 14. By 17, Robin had moved to Paris, where he was called on to color the hair of a model he'd never heard of: Stephanie Seymour. That break led to regular clients like Elle Macpherson and Claudia Schiffer, the opening of his first salon at age 24, his own line (which finally arrived in U.S. Sephoras last year), and now a new salon in Paris's 2nd arrondissement. That space also has sinks up front where walk-ins can have a complimentary shampoo (before blowing out their own hair) to try out the goods. Standouts include the Cleansing Purifying Scrub With Sea Salt and Instant Volumizing Mist With Rosewater. "I'm so attached to the countryside, to natural ingredients," says Robin. "I'm still a farm boy inside." —KATIE BECKER

Clockwise from top right: Christophe Robin Shade Variation Care mask in Golden Blond, Brightening Hair Finish Lotion, and Regenerating Hair Finish Lotion.

Booster Shots

They're the skin-care equivalent of spiking your smoothie with a scoop of garlic-cayenne invincibility: concentrated formulas that supercharge creams or sheet masks when they're added to the mix. "They can pack higher doses of active ingredients because there are fewer ingredients in them," says dermatologist Joshua Zeichner. Now go forth and leap tall buildings in a single bound. —MEGAN DEEM

The Bummer: **IRRITATION**



The Booster: Clarins Booster Repair. *Mimosa tenuiflora* bark, a botanical extract, calms inflammation and stimulates collagen growth to mend the weakened skin barrier (which lets in irritants).

The Bummer: **DULLNESS**

The Booster: Dr. Brandt Vitamin C Power Dose. A whopping 20 percent vitamin C (an impossible dose when the unstable ingredient is in a more complex formula) fades dark spots and splotches.



The Bummer: **FINE LINES**



The Booster: Paula's Choice Resist 10% Niacinamide Booster. The vitamin B derivative—in a level double that in other topicals—helps beef up collagen so skin looks firmer than a barre fanatic's bum.

The Bummer: **BREAKOUTS**

The Booster: Karuna Spot+ Melting Boost. Place the hydrocellulose dots on top of pimples, then apply a sheet mask to release their antimicrobial (take that, *P. acnes!*) tea tree oil and glycolic acid.

