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# Country Living

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*Hall of Fame*

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## *In With the Old!*

How to Decorate with

Antiques, Collectibles, and More



## *Bring on Fall*

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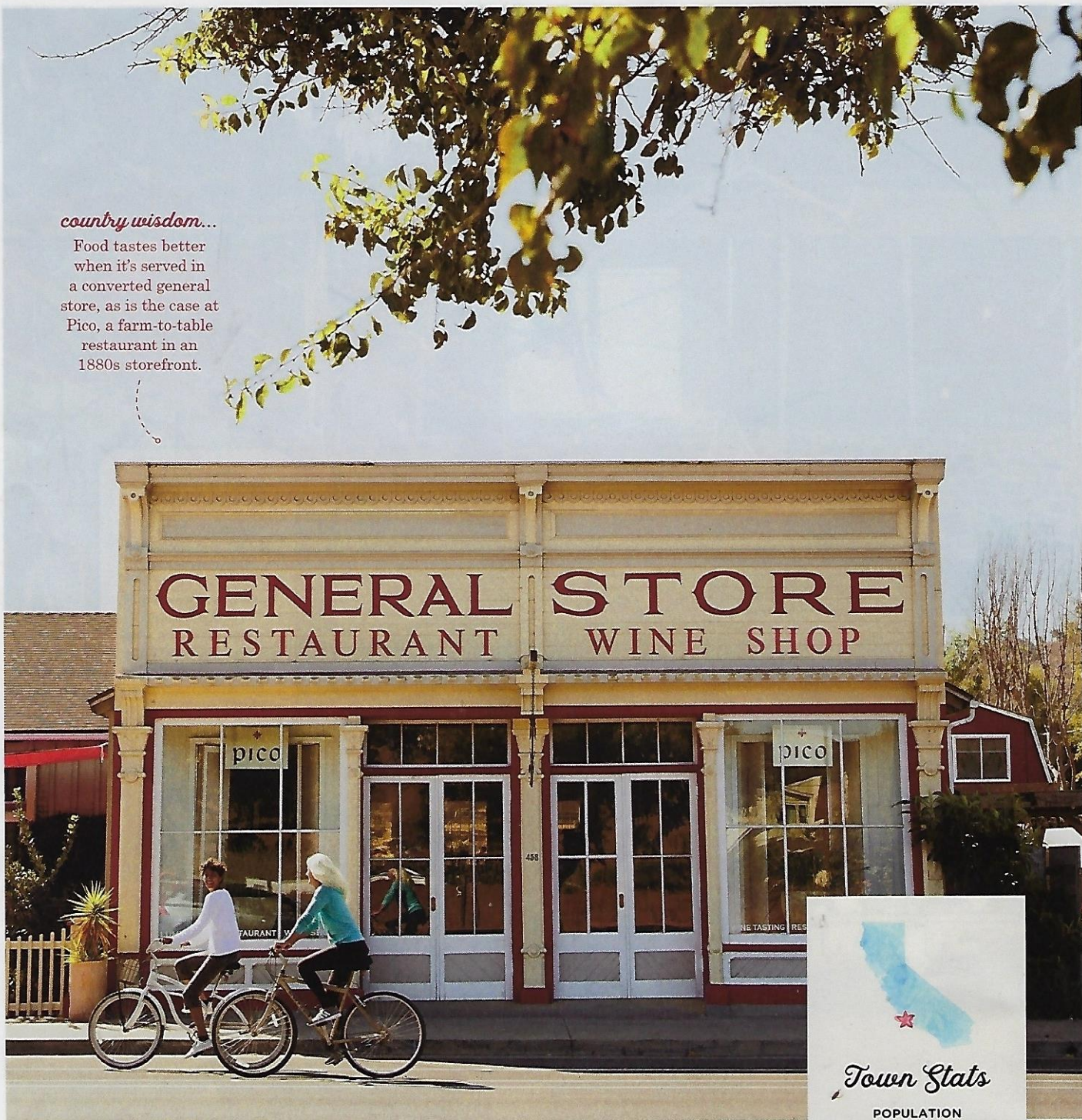
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*country wisdom...*

Food tastes better when it's served in a converted general store, as is the case at Pico, a farm-to-table restaurant in an 1880s storefront.



*Town Stats*

**POPULATION**  
1,634

**NAMED FOR**  
The Spanish word for cottonwood trees

**CLAIM TO FAME**  
The nearby hills once served as a hideout for Salomón Pico, the outlaw who inspired Zorro.

*Small Town Saturday*

# Los Alamos, California

Calling all antiques lovers! In the northern gateway to the Golden State's Santa Ynez Valley, remnants of the Old West now shine as repurposed spaces—many of which house a host of delightful discoveries.

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**“Sift through vintage treasures in a former rail depot...”**

...and 15 more immersed-in-the-old ways to welcome the arrival of fall.

**Make it Grain:** Early risers head to **Bob’s Well Bread Bakery** for a hearty pre-antiquing breakfast of perfectly flaky pastries and inventive egg dishes served up in a converted gas station.

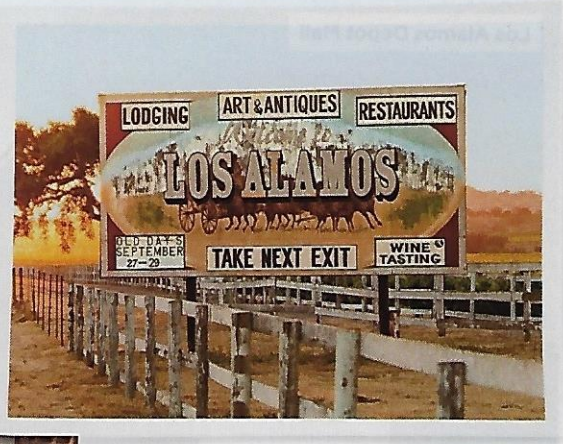
**Scour the Shelves:** Junkers will want to devote an entire morning to wandering the aisles of the 28,000-square-foot **Los Alamos Depot Mall**, a former rail depot where the occasional movie prop may be found amongst the ephemera. Then, it’s off to **Sisters Gifts and Home** to explore even more antiques artfully arranged in the rooms of an old cottage.

**Kick Up Your Feet:** Pause your search for a bit at **Bodega**, an open-air wine and beer garden where guests can also shop the greenhouse or play bocce.

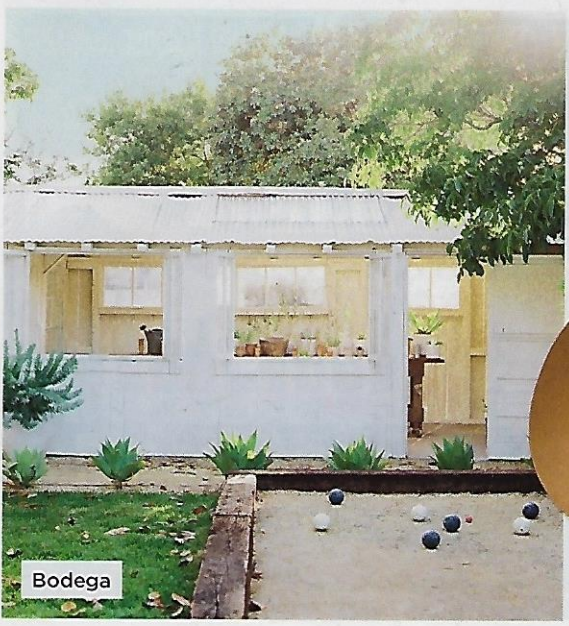
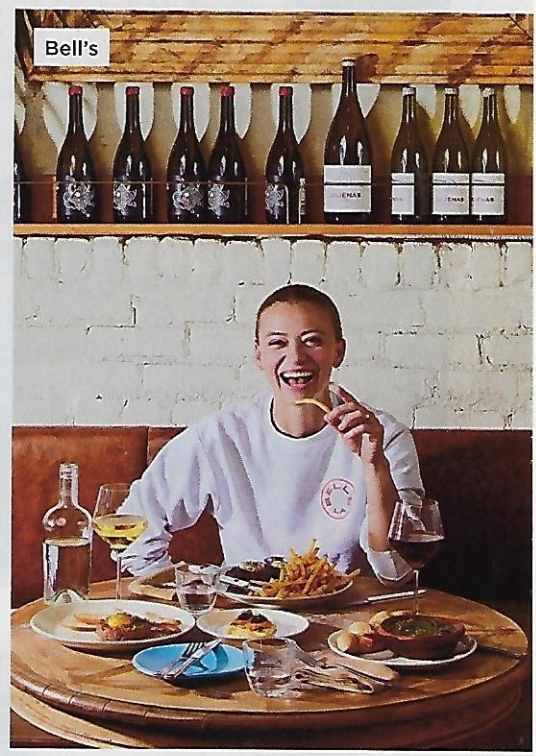
**Relive the Olden Days:** Held the last weekend of September, the **Los Alamos Old Days** festival celebrates the town’s Western heritage with a chili cook-off, vintage car show, peddler’s mart, and plenty more.

**Set Off for More Shops:** For a second bout of scouring, drive to Santa Ynez, where former *Flea Market to Fabulous* host Valerie Madeira curates a beautiful collection of vintage finds at **Valerie’s Vintage & Supply Co.** The California-made *Mi Cocina* denim placemats (pg. 64) sold at nearby **Santa Ynez General** will pair wonderfully with your new pieces, and **KJ Murphy’s** stocks Western-style Resistol hats (far right) to shield the sun while you’re on the hunt.

**Stop for a Refuel:** Celebrate your scores by booking a table at **Bell’s**, where Per Se alum Daisy Ryan (pictured) and husband Gregory serve unfussy French fare (*frites!*) in an old refurbished bank, or enjoy upscale comfort food and an award-winning wine list at **Pico** (left).



Valerie's Vintage & Supply Co.



Bodega



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