

Open sesame: Matakauri Lodge, Queenstown, reopens this month after refurbishment.



DESTINATION QUEENSTOWN

Matakauri Lodge can boast perhaps the most beautiful location in Queenstown, New Zealand, and now the chic alpine retreat on the edge of Lake Wakatipu can brag of its equally impressive interiors. The intimate escape reopens this month following an 18-month overhaul by its new owners, the team behind NZ North Island super-lodges The Farm at Cape Kidnappers and Kauri Cliffs. New Zealand design queen Virginia Fisher oversaw the transformation of the lodge's interior, which is now a mix of crisp casual and glamorous. Matakauri is perfectly placed for those wanting to immerse themselves in the adventurous offerings of Queenstown. But its facelift makes it just as perfect for those who'd prefer to shun the slopes and streams to concentrate on NZ's other assets: food, wine, service. Oh, and let's not forget, alpine-inspired spa treatments. www.matakauri.co.nz.

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Behold Port Phillip Estate winery, a sexy new addition to the local landscape that has just earned a 2010 Victorian Architecture Award for its designers, Wood Marsh. The rammed-earth building is the spectacular home of Port Phillip Estate and Kooyong wines, as well as an excellent restaurant already beloved by food and wine aficionados. And this month the winery unveils its accommodation wing, six chic suites with Bill Henson's moody photography adorning the walls, polished concrete floors, dark timber accents, huge soaking tubs and private terraces. A perfect weekend getaway. (03) 5989 4444; www.portphillipestate.com.au.

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