

Drought-tolerant masses of 'Veronica Lake' hebe, compact Mexican sage and lavender give a terrace in front of the vegetable garden a lush look at San Ysidro Ranch in Santa Barbara, California. Veiled in star jasmine and 'Autumn Sunset' roses, the rough-hewn eucalyptus pergola offers a shady place for guests to escape the afternoon heat.

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Edged with local sandstone, the vegetable garden includes lettuce and basil for the restaurant as well as ground morning glory and Rozanne geranium to accent a birdbath. Opposite: One of many intimate paths winds past compact Mexican sage, Chiapas sage and Pride of Madeira on the way from the guest cottages to the communal spaces.

