



Decor

Hang 'Em High

Bright lights, big carpets in Kerrisdale.

Why is it that every time we go to a high-end carpet store we want to look at the specimen at the bottom of the pile? Salari Carpets recently underwent a three-month renovation and, in the process, a solution was born. The result is a cinema-inspired new showroom: hand-knotted carpets ranging from modern to

traditional to tribal Persian, are displayed on sliding tracks around a white stage. View them from custom-designed multimedia benches with screens displaying slideshows of Salari's various collections. It's a wrap.—*Katie Lister*
2033 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver, 604-261-3555, salari.com



Wine

A Vintage Education

A new pro-level wine education course starts you at the top.

Fine Vintage is a Western Canadian company seriously devoted to wine education. Its focus is on top-notch (think \$300 and up) bottles, not the under-\$20 stuff that wine educators often uncork for aspiring sommeliers. The school was founded in 1995 by James Cluer (one of only three Masters of Wine in Canada) and offers classes in Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Seattle, Whistler and the Okanagan. Programs, which are approved by the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET), range from one-day intensives to 15-week advanced courses (\$299 and \$1,595) and include not only top-drawer instruction but all the "study materials" you'll need to land at the top of your class.—*Shannon Smart*

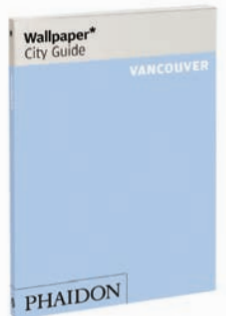
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Travel

On the Map

Vancouver is anointed by a jet-set bible.

Valencia, Hanoi, Vienna...Vancouver. Design magazine *Wallpaper** has added our metropolis to its portfolio of City Guides which give design-savvy jetsetters the 411 on the best places to see and be seen. While their choices are unlikely to surprise the average resident—Moda gets a nod for sleeping, Gastropod for eating, John Fluevog for shopping—they are a sight more insider than the usual Frommer's fare. Recommended escapes include a visit to Mission Hill Winery and chilling at the Sunshine Coast's Rockwater Secret Cove Resort. So now when a pack of Helmut Lang-clad euros descend on your favourite haunt, you'll know why.—*Celeste Moure*



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