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It's not your everyday coffeehouse. And it's not a deli either. El Dorado Kitchenette is a sublime combination of the two, plus a picnic supply store, wine bar, and patisserie. All served up with El Dorado's signature blend of Wine Country cool.

Located on the northwest corner of the Sonoma Plaza, in the northwest corner of El Dorado Hotel, El Dorado Kitchenette is, oxymoronically, a chef-driven counter-service cafe. Under pastry chef Octavio Alcantar, formerly of the French Laundry and Bouchon Bakery, the kitchenette's sensibility reflects that of El Dorado Kitchen, its trendy big sister down the hall. Dishes include tomato and brie, pork rillettes, and tiger prawn and pesto sandwiches. Soft-serve ice cream is homemade, as are the toppings. Pastries evoke the best of France. And the charcuterie—also homemade—is equally exquisite.

Other options include salads, cheeses, coffees and teas, wines, and picnic kits. All in all, a deliciously hip spot for morning coffee, lunch, or an après-dinner drink—and a cool addition to the corner.
— by Jill Silverman Hough

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