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FAMILY TRADITION ON A NEVADA RANCH

HARVEST SUPPER

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At his family's Nevada ranch, a harvest supper prepared by Los Angeles designer Nathan Turner. Ironstone plates with antique linen napkins and Granny Smith apples. Table set for dinner overlooks the Carson River with Jobs Peak in the distance.



THE SETTING MAY LOOK LIKE A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE, BUT IT IS AS AUTHENTICALLY OLD WEST AS THE FAMILY WHO GATHERS there. The ranch—backdropped by the snow-laced peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains, located in the Carson Valley of Genoa, Nevada—has been a vital part of their heritage for more than a century. Its charms are still easy to recognize. “We just about live outdoors when we’re at the ranch,” says Nathan Turner, a Los Angeles interior designer, antiques shop owner and host extraordinaire—his shop is even equipped with a kitchen so he can cook, entertain and throw dinner parties there. “In fact, my mother, great-grandmother and I recently made one of our annual trips. My brother and his wife live on the ranch, and we came up for the harvest to help them pick apples and pears.”

This year, like every other, the harvest ended with a special meal. “My mom’s family has a cattle ranch just outside of San Francisco, where she has always

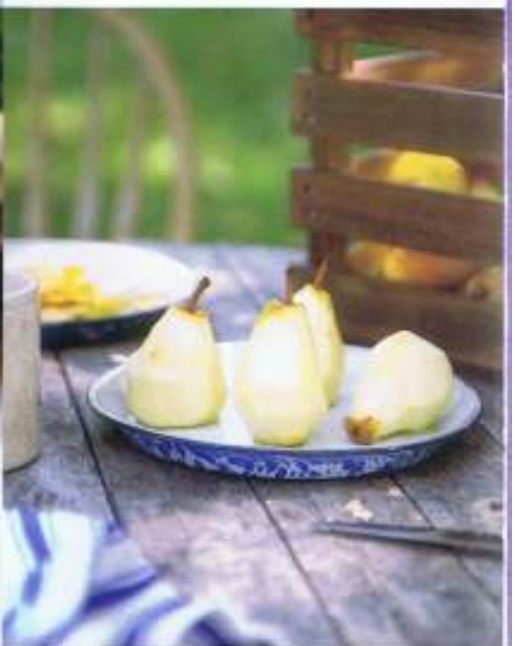


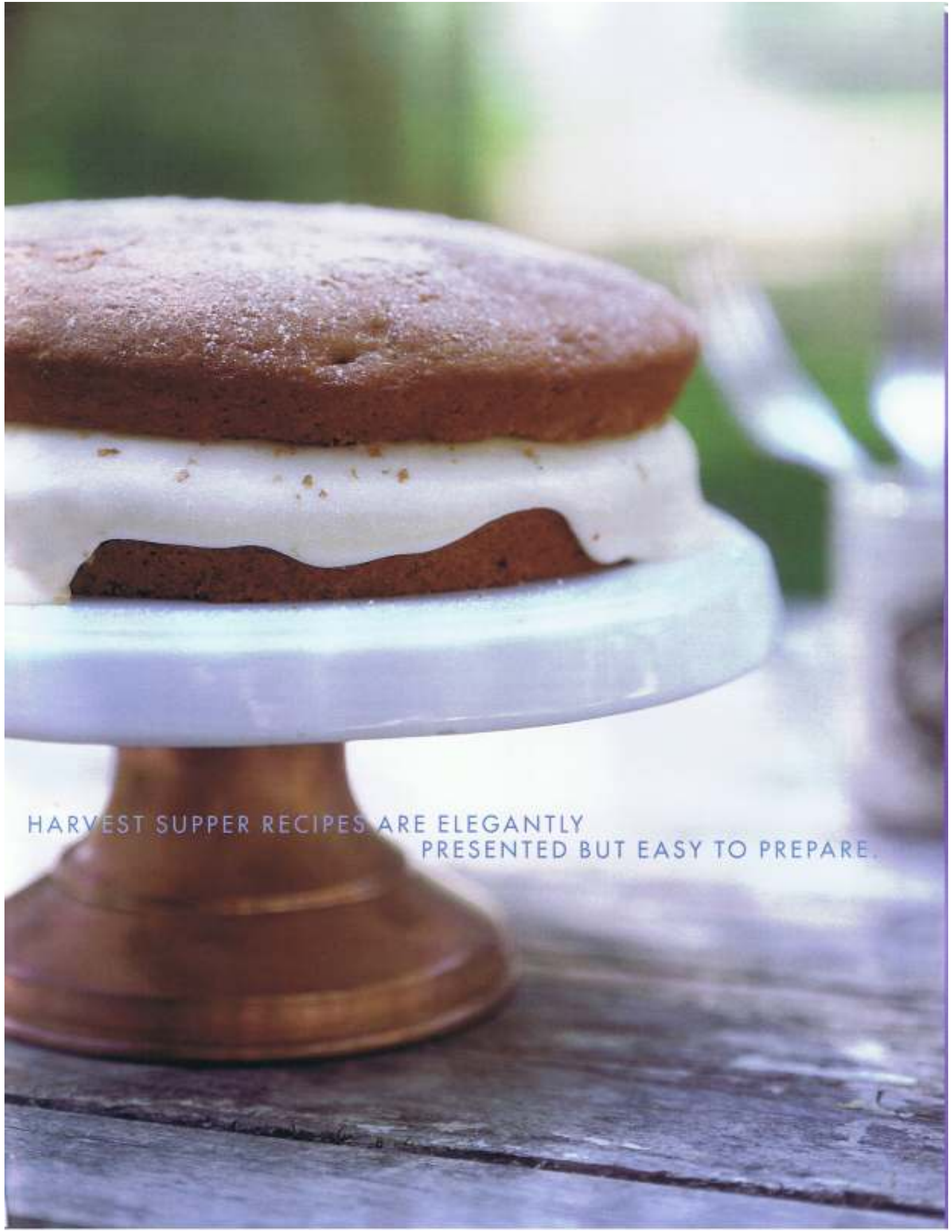


CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Nathan's brother Matthew with his cattle dog, Ruby. Freshly picked pears and apples. Roasted Game Hens With Sage Butter. Jars of Apple Butter and Cinnamon Pears in Light Syrup. From left, Nathan, sister-in-law Jalene, Matthew, cousin Jamie and mother Judy. Nathan with Jamie and her dog, Jack. Sautéed Apples complement savory flavors of game hens.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Apple gathering in the family's orchard is a time-honored tradition. Antique miner's cup and milk glass hold sage and flowering mint. Judy serves up warm Homemade Apple Pie for dessert. Matthew and Nathan with great-grandmother Marion and Daisy, a yellow Lab. Peeled pears await the second step of the canning process. Their hard work behind them, the family gathers to feast and celebrate the harvest. Antique American silver and vintage horn-handle serving pieces add Western flair to the table. Matthew and Jolene live on the ranch year-round. OPPOSITE: Spiced Applesauce Cake With Cream Cheese Frosting presented atop an ironstone and copper cake stand.





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PRESENTED BUT EASY TO PREPARE.