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Where better to enjoy sunny afternoons or starlit nights than at a table set in the great outdoors?

On the shaded terrace of historic Libbey Ranch, actress Reese Witherspoon's secluded seven-acre family retreat in Ojai, California, designer Kristen Buckingham surrounded a wood-topped dining table with vintage iron and wicker chairs. The lantern is antique.

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5. In a tranquil corner of a rambling Bel Air, California, estate, designer Kim Alexandriuk paired an 18th-century French stone table originally used by fishmongers with 19th-century carved stone benches to create a shaded dining area beside a fountain. The garden path is paved with reclaimed limestone. 6. At the Hollywood Hills home of TV producer Jamie Tarses and her family, Pamela Shamshiri of the Los Angeles-based firm Commune maximized views of the city by placing a custom table and chairs beneath a pergola; the floor is paved with cement tiles from Granada Tile. 7. In the pool cabana of her family's Southampton, New York, beach house, which was designed by the architecture firm Sawyer Berson, decorator and furniture designer Kelly Behun sited a teak table and chairs by Bonetti Kozerski Studio in front of a stucco wall adorned with staghorn ferns and baskets made in Zambia. The floor is limestone, and the rug is from Morocco.