

# Lost! The desperate search for a legendary Sierra ranger

# BACKPACKER

THE OUTDOORS AT YOUR DOORSTEP

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## BUZZ

OUR HOT LIST OF COOL STUFF

### YOUR BEST THINKING SEASON EVER

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Maybe it's just us, but French Rabbit sounds more like a bistro special or an adult product than a camping innovation. Yet the vintner with the provocative name seems to have created its **ePod** with backpackers in mind. The box, similar to those used for soy milk and juice, holds a liter of vino—two more glasses than a traditional bottle. The resealable box folds flat, and the company claims a 90 percent reduction in packaging waste. If that isn't crunchy enough, French Rabbit will plant—you'll never guess: a tree!—for every four ePod wines sold. Choose from vintage-dated cab, merlot, pinot noir, and chardonnay; the white is our favorite. \$10; [www.frenchrabbit.com](http://www.frenchrabbit.com)

## HOW TO

MAKE YOUR PACK FIT  
BEAT POISON IVY  
NAVIGATE LIKE A PRO  
CLIMB MT. SHASTA

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