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TAPERED COCKTAIL SQUARE BY CHAJO

Chajo

Chanin Cook and Jonathan Edie form the design team called Chajo, and the California couple travel the world in search of exotic woods such as Bugginga, Pau Ferro, and Zebrawood for their contemporary furniture. "We choose woods based on how interesting they are and how well they marry with our other materials, such as metal, leather, and fossilized stone," Cook says. The couple also finds alluring woods not far from their home in Napa, such as the state's native Claro Walnut as well as Paulownia, a species native to Japan but once grown in Chico, CA.

Art lovers of all tastes are drawn to Chajo's pieces because they work in a variety of interiors, from traditional antique-filled homes to ultramodern urban lofts. The tables, chairs, and benches combine ▶

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sleek, modern lines with warm materials.

The design team has participated in and won awards at numerous shows throughout the country, including Arizona's Scottsdale Arts Festival, California's La Quinta Festival of the Arts, and the American Craft Council's regular shows. Chajo is represented by Dovetail Collection, Healdsburg, CA; A Gallery, Palm Desert, CA; Savage Stephens Contemporary Gallery, Carmel, CA; Shidoni, Santa Fe, NM; Center Street Gallery, Jackson, WY; Kebanu, Bend, OR; and www.chajo.com.