

2011 WINE AWARDS

21 best bottles under \$15 P. 80

Sunset

LIVING IN THE WEST

A FRESH & LOCAL THANKSGIVING

Delicious farm to feast recipes

Amazing
holiday
desserts!

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Pancetta-roasted turkey, Oregon cranberries, wild mushroom stuffing



*A day of
bocce
and Cab*

GO WAY BEYOND
JUST TASTING
AT RAYMOND
VINEYARDS 80

**Instant
fireplace
makeovers**

THREE SCENES FROM RAYMOND VINEYARDS



CRYSTAL CELLAR

BEST TASTING ROOMS

Take a trip!

Prettiest

In the hills southwest of Paso Robles, **Denner Vineyards** answers the question of whether a winery has to sacrifice function for beauty. No. Built against a hill in a series of graceful arcs set off by modern metalwork, the complex is at once an efficient gravity-flow production space and a work of art. And the California winery's beautifully balanced red and white Rhônes deliver. By appointment only; \$10 tasting fee; dennervineyards.com

Most entertaining

You gotta love sipping a mojito poolside—at a winery. What's a splash of chlorine in your drink when the kiddies are having fun? That's how the day goes at **Francis Ford Coppola Winery** in Sonoma County. From the movie museum (with props from films) to the hunks

of meat coming off the Argentine grill at the winery restaurant, the father of *The Godfather* is a master of entertainment, even when it comes to his wine. Pool pass \$15, no tasting fee; 300 Via Archimedes, Geyserville, CA; franciscoppolawinery.com

Best place to spend a day

Under the new (and exuberant) ownership of Jean-Charles Boisset, **Raymond Vineyards** is set to rock Napa Valley. How many places have a mirrored Crystal Cellar tasting room with a masked cat lady hanging from a trapeze? Or an outdoor room with acrylic Louis XVI chairs? Forget sitting around when there's a blending lab (you blend), plus a pool table and karaoke if you reserve in advance. Tasting fee from \$10; 849 Zinfandel Lane, St. Helena, CA; raymondvineyards.com



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BLENDING LAB