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Craft beer, burgers, ice cream coming to historic Yountville buildings

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Two of the oldest buildings in the heart of Yountville will join the resort village's burgeoning food scene – with a distinctly informal accent on ice cream, high-end hamburgers and craft beer.

The Town Council has approved the opening of Platform 8, a quick-ordering restaurant that will replace the former Pacific Blues Café at V Marketplace, a retail center built in 1870 as the Groezinger Winery.

Also cleared by the council was the [Yountville Brewing Co.](#), an excursion into beer-making by the French-born vintner Jean-Charles Boisset. The gastropub at the Whistle Stop Center on 6505 Washington St. is expected to produce about 550 barrels annually and serve meals just south of Platform 8, taking over Yountville's late-1800s train depot from Overland Sheepskin Co., a clothing and accessory shop.

Only a few steps south from Chiarello's new eatery will be Yountville Brewing, whose owner called its arrival a natural step forward for a prime grapegrowing region.

"It's amazing to see, in Burgundy where I come from, so many breweries, and microbreweries are mushrooming in the historical towns" such as Dijon, said Boisset, whose Boisset Collection owns St. Helena-based Raymond Vineyards and other wine labels. "To see Yountville hopefully become one of the destinations for fine brewing on a top level, with the great identity of Napa Valley, is going to be quite exciting."