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Designed by Barcelona architect Domingo Triay, Artesa Winery is widely regarded as a major visitor attraction. (Photo: © Boisset Collection)

Boisset Buys Napa Winery

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Jean-Charles Boisset, President of the Boisset Collection, has acquired Artesa Winery in Carneros from Raventós Codorníu.The news was first reported on September 23, 2026, by the US trade publication Wine Spectator, with the transaction subsequently confirmed by both Boisset and Sergio Fuster, CEO of Codorníu.

Artesa was originally established in 1991 as Codorníu Napa by the Spanish Cava producer, following earlier investments in the Napa Valley sub-appellation—an area particularly suited to sparkling wine production—by European companies including Taittinger (Domaine Carneros) and Spain's Gloria Ferrer.The acquisition includes the

142-hectare (350-acre) estate, featuring 63 hectares (155 acres) of vineyards across the Los Carneros and Mt. Veeder AVAs, alongside the Artesa winery itself. Financial terms were not disclosed.

The winery—featuring a striking design created by Barcelona architect Domingo Triay—has long been a major visitor attraction, due in part to its panoramic views across San Pablo Bay toward San Francisco. Renamed "Artesa" (Catalan for "artisan") in 1997, the estate primarily grows Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo, and Albariño, producing both still and sparkling wines. In addition to its extensive Burgundian portfolio, the Boisset Collection already holds major US properties including Buena Vista and DeLoach Vineyards.

"Artesa has played a significant role in the history of Raventós Codorníu, and it is one of the most successful wineries in our portfolio," said Sergio Fuster. "We are convinced that Boisset is the ideal partner to lead the winery into its next phase of development. Thanks to their deep knowledge of the local market, Boisset will further unlock Artesa's extraordinary potential while ensuring the continuity of its heritage." According to the Spanish daily Demócrata, the sale forms part of a broader strategy by Raventós Codorníu to simplify its corporate structure and focus resources on core operations in Spain and Argentina.

Raventós Codorníu reports strong financial results

From a financial standpoint, the sale does not appear necessary for Raventós Codorníu, judging by the company's recently published annual financial results. According to reports by Spanish trade publication La Gaceta del Vino, the group headquartered in Sant Sadurní, Catalonia, closed its 2025/2026 fiscal year "during a particularly challenging period for the Cava sector" with an EBITDA of €46 million and a net profit of €14 million. Revenue has grown 20% compared to pre-pandemic levels, while operating profit has more than doubled over six years.

Despite these solid figures, majority shareholder Carlyle Group—the US private equity firm that acquired approximately 68% of the company for around €390 million in 2018—is seeking to exit the heritage Spanish business, according to La Gaceta del Vino. The fund officially initiated its exit strategy in 2025, appointing Morgan Stanley and Banco Santander as financial advisors. SP