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## A peak inside Premiere Napa Valley 2017



Napa Valley knows how to put on a show, even without lifting a finger: its sun-splashed vineyards were on center stage this past week for Premiere Napa Valley 2017.

Imagine the scene then, when the valley's vintners come together and pull out the red carpet for visiting distributors and buyers from across the U.S. and the globe for the multi-day Premiere event. Grand tastings like Stags Leap District's House of Cab unfold, where dozens of vintners pour the rarest of wines in the club-like atmosphere of the Pine Ridge caves. Or Nickel & Nickel showcases Harlan, BOND, Opus One and so many of the best Oakville wines among chef tables offering bites to satisfy even the most serious gourmand.

Round Pond welcomed guests onto their sun-warmed terrace for Schramsberg bubbles, Robert Mondavi Reserve, Volker Eisele and dozens of other top wineries in the Sneak Peek Tasting Of Napa Valley AVA wines. Hedonism peaked at Jean-Charles Boisset's Mardi Gras where masks and boas shared the stage at Raymond Vineyards with Boisset's newly released Haute Couture French sparkling wines.