



## **Jean-Charles Boisset Acquires Artesa Estate, Affirming His Conviction in Napa Valley's Future**

The extraordinary 350-acre estate opens a new chapter devoted to exceptional wines, the art world and the alchemy of the senses.

September 23, 2026 | NAPA VALLEY, California — Jean-Charles Boisset announces the acquisition of Artesa Estate from Raventós Codorníu, Spain's oldest winemaking company, with origins dating to 1551. The passing of the reins brings together a distinguished wine heritage and Boisset's profound belief in California, marking a new chapter for an extraordinary estate where terroir, architecture and landscape converge.

With its hillside vineyards, distinctive pyramid-shaped architecture and winery conceived around gravity-flow winemaking, the 350-acre property will become the setting for a deeply personal ambition: to pursue exceptional wines while nurturing a destination for the art world at large and the awakening of all the senses.

"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, CEO, The Raventós Codorníu Group. "We are convinced that Boisset is the ideal custodian to guide the winery through its next phase of development. Their in-depth knowledge of the local market will unlock Artesa's extraordinary potential even further, while ensuring the continuity of its legacy."

The acquisition expresses Boisset's enduring confidence in Napa Valley at a moment of change across the wine industry.

"Such moments ask something of us: the courage to examine our assumptions, the curiosity to explore unfamiliar possibilities, and the conviction to create," said Boisset. "My belief in wine, in America and in California is stronger than ever. Wine carries the memory of landscapes, the intelligence of generations and the intimacy of human exchange. Its future deserves all the imagination we can bring to it."

### **A conviction rooted in exceptional terroir**

Situated in a cooler-climate enclave at Napa Valley's southern gateway, Artesa Estate combines the maritime influence of San Pablo Bay with varied hillside soils and exposures. Boisset sees extraordinary potential for Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and sparkling wines, alongside opportunities to explore distinctive cooler-climate expressions of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, as well as Albarino and Tempranillo. The estate's 350 acres includes 155 planted acres in Los Carneros Napa and Mt. Veeder.

The winery's thoughtful conception and integration into the hillside unite architectural beauty with the exacting demands of fine winemaking.

“My conviction begins with the land,” Boisset said. “The soils, the light, the maritime air, the individuality of the slopes—there is an extraordinary alchemy of terroir. My Burgundian sensibility responds instinctively to the possibilities for nuance, freshness, depth and finesse. I want to explore what this estate can reveal, vintage after vintage.”

That connection reaches back to his childhood in Vougeot, among the grand cru vineyards of Burgundy’s Côte de Nuits.

“Burgundy taught me to pay attention: to the character of the earth, to the rhythm of the seasons, to the subtle differences that give a wine its identity. Here, in Napa Valley, I feel that same profound belonging. This is my other heart—the continuum of who I am and what I believe in.

“France gave me an intimacy with the past; America awakened my affinity for the possible. Their encounter is my bicultural DNA. At Artesa Estate, those two dimensions of my life find an extraordinary home.”

### **Carrying a pioneering vision forward**

Established as Codorníu Napa in 1991, Artesa Estate was conceived with the ambition of producing exceptional California sparkling wine. Its founders brought a heritage reaching back to the sixteenth century and a vision that united winemaking, architectural innovation and sensitivity to the landscape. Boisset intends to enhance Artesa’s sparkling wine legacy under the Artesa name, as well as with his own collection of JCB sparkling wines.

Boisset intends to carry that ambition forward through renewed emphasis on sparkling wine and continued exploration of the estate’s still-wine potential.

“The vision that brought Codorníu here speaks directly to me,” he said. “They recognized the promise of this land and gave it a remarkable architectural expression. To carry that inheritance forward is an honor and a responsibility. I feel deep respect for what they created and for the people whose dedication has given this estate its life.”

### **As above, so below**

The estate’s pyramid-shaped architecture, reflecting water and panoramic setting hold a particular fascination for Boisset. Views across vineyards and surrounding mountains toward the East Bay and San Francisco form what he describes as “a natural amphitheater at the gateway to Napa Valley—a true 360-degree invitation to imagine the future.”

“I have long been captivated by this place,” Boisset said. “There is a *je ne sais quoi* here that reaches beyond beauty. The landscape has a rhythm. The architecture gives it resonance. I experience an energy, a vibration, a frequency that answers something deep within me—as though this place had been conceived for the dreams I carry.

“As above, so below. The pyramid draws the eye toward the sky while the wines evolve within the hillside. Roots and light, earth and imagination seem to meet at its apex. I have never felt that connection with such intensity. I feel transported into another dimension, yet profoundly connected to the earth.”

### **A destination for the art world and all the senses**

Drawing on the philosophy of his book, *The Alchemy of the Senses*, Boisset envisions Artesa Estate as a place of encounter for artists, collectors, thinkers and curious guests. Wine will remain its heart, with artistic expression and sensory experiences offering new ways to discover the estate and its terroir.

This vision reflects his belief in opening the world of wine to new audiences through meaningful connections with culture and nature.

“I can imagine people arriving through their love of art, their curiosity about nature or their fascination with architecture—and discovering, through wine, a deeper connection to all three,” he said. “We must welcome new generations with openness, generosity and a sense of wonder.

“I envision a place where the extraordinary presence of nature awakens something profound within us, where the rhythm of the landscape invites contemplation and gives the imagination room to soar. A place where a wine reveals the vineyard, an artwork changes our perspective, and a shared experience becomes a cherished memory. Here, the alchemy of the senses becomes a living experience.”

Further details of Artesa Estate’s wine offerings, artistic initiatives and guest experiences will be shared as its next chapter develops.

### **A commitment measured in generations**

“For all its extraordinary achievements, I believe Napa Valley is still at the beginning of what it can become,” Boisset said. “There are expressions of this land still to discover, emotions still to awaken and possibilities we have scarcely imagined. I feel an immense energy to participate—to help design its future and draw the map that does not yet exist.

“I am committing myself to Artesa Estate with the perspective of vintages and generations. I feel more drawn to California, more curious about the future of wine and more energized to build here than ever.”

For Boisset, the commitment carries particular meaning during America’s 250th anniversary. “From the pioneers of the Gold Rush to the innovators of Silicon Valley, California has inspired people to give form to possibilities others could scarcely imagine. As a citizen of the world with deep Franco-American roots, I feel that calling profoundly. This is an expression of love for America, for California and for the Napa Valley that has become part of my soul—and of my desire to contribute something enduring.

“The future asks us to imagine it—and then to give it roots.”

Artesa’s proximity to Buena Vista Winery, which Boisset purchased and renovated in 2011, creates a continuous journey from history to modernity, from heritage to creativity, that extends to Boisset’s Napa Valley properties. Anchored in history, Oakville Grocery & Wine Merchant and the Calistoga Depot Restaurant & Distillery are complemented by the creative dynamism of Raymond Vineyards, JCB St. Helena, Elizabeth Spencer Winery, and with his wife, Gina Gallo-Boisset, Flora Springs Winery. Jean-Charles vision for Pinot Noir and Chardonnay is rooted at DeLoach Vineyards in the Russian River Valley, his first winery estate in California.

### **About Jean-Charles Boisset**

Jean-Charles Boisset is a French-born vintner whose life and work connect the wine cultures of Burgundy and California. Raised in Vougeot, he brings a devotion to terroir, historic wine estates, artistic expression and the emotional dimensions of wine to his work. He is the author of *The Alchemy of the Senses*.

Together with his sister Nathalie, he created Domaine de la Vougeraie, uniting the family's Burgundy vineyards into one of Burgundy's leading domaines, boasting 6 monopoles, 9 grand cru vineyards and 130 acres of vineyards.

In addition, Jean-Charles is the Proprietor of Boisset Collection, where he has created his signature [JCB Collection](#), and stewards more than 30 wineries and destinations in France and California, including Buena Vista Winery, the first premium winery in California, Napa Valley's Raymond Vineyards, Elizabeth Spencer Winery, Oakville Grocery and Wine Merchant, and the Calistoga Depot and Distillery, as well as DeLoach Vineyards in the Russian River Valley.

Jean-Charles leads with a passionate commitment to fine wine, history, quality and a deep respect for the environment. He implemented organic and Biodynamic farming at all of the family's estate vineyards in Burgundy and California.

Furthermore, together with his wife Gina, he owns Flora Springs Winery and Wine Lounge, which recently celebrated the grand reopening of St. Helena Winery with a stunning renovation.

### **About Artesa Estate**

Established as Codorníu Napa in 1991, Artesa Estate is a 350-acre property in the Los Carneros appellation of Napa Valley. Its maritime setting, hillside vineyards, gravity-flow winery and distinctive pyramid-shaped architecture bring together winemaking, landscape and design.

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