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Boisset opens wine museum

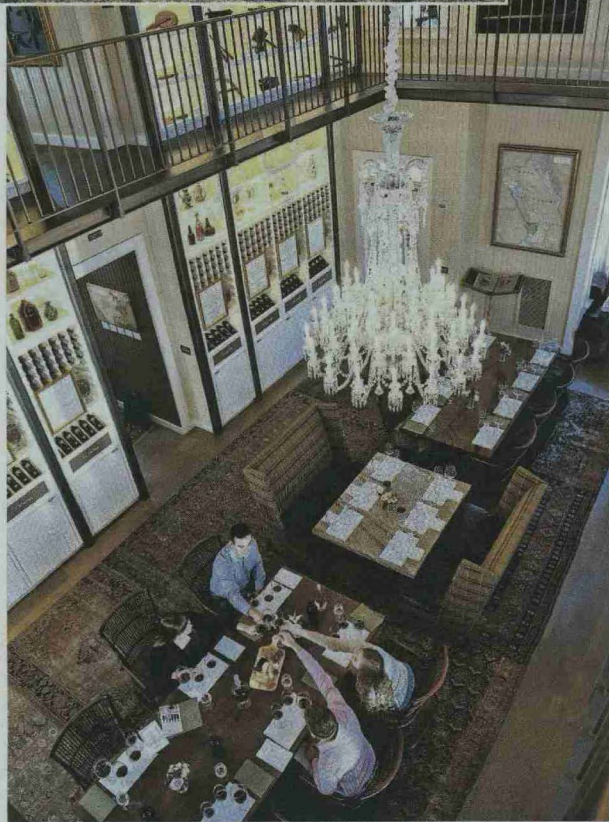
Tasting salon finds home in 145-year-old Napa Valley building

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The Boisset Collection in Napa has opened “an homage to Napa Valley,” called 1881 Napa, in Oakville. It’s said to be the valley’s first wine history museum and tasting salon.

The Victorian home includes a tasting room that showcases wines from Napa Valley’s distinct sub-appellations, a museum where guests can explore Napa rich wine history, an extensive collection of historic wine relics from Europe and the United States and original artifacts from the Early

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The museum sign from the recently opened Napa Valley Wine History Museum in the Napa Valley in Oakville.

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The museum-salon is located next to Oakville Grocery, which was started in 1881 and is the oldest continually operating such store in California. The grocery and the home were purchased by Boisset Collection at the beginning of the year.

“Napa Valley has a powerful place in American wine history and 1881 Napa puts the region in perspective on the world stage,” stated proprietor Jean-Charles Boisset, who grew up in Burgundy, France. “An extraordinary amount has been accomplished in this

enclave in a short amount of time and we want to create a destination that celebrates Napa’s long history and its pioneering founders while exploring Napa’s incredibly diverse terroir in one destination.”

The salon is in a building more than 140 years old and reimagined by architect Howard Backen. The two centerpiece of the space — a 48-light Baccarat crystal Zenith chandelier and a reproduction of an 1895 map of Napa County on canvas hanging from the ceiling.

1881 Napa is located at 7856 St. Helena Highway and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Reservations are recommended.

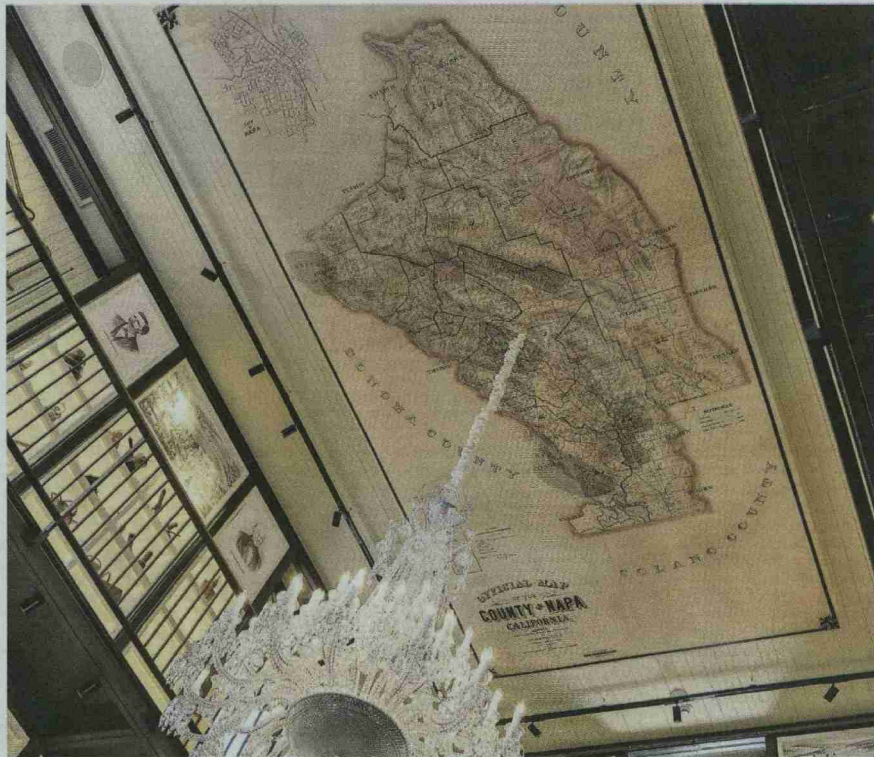


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The museum at 1881 displays artifacts from the early California wine trade.

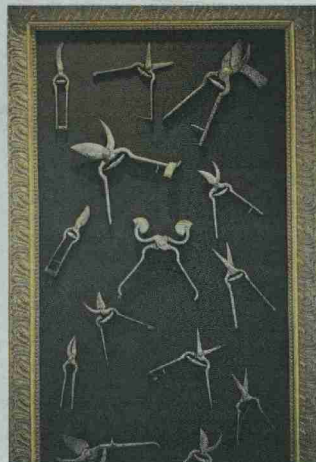


The Napa Valley Wine History Museum combines the tools of the historic wine trades with a collection of wines.



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A reproduction of the 1895 map of Napa County on canvas is part of the ceiling decor greeting visitors to the museum in Oakville.



Shears and other historic tools used to tend the vines are part of the collection.