

What's Happening: Jean-Charles Boisset opens 1881 Napa, region's first wine history museum

Napa Valley history and wine tasting all under one massive chandelier.



1881 Napa. Photo: Lowell Downey.

It's a wine museum, yes. But it's also a tasting salon. And features a striking 48-light Baccarat crystal Zenith chandelier as its centerpiece (see photo below).

Called **1881 Napa**, proprietor and well-known icon of Napa Valley, Jean-Charles Boisset sees it as a gateway of sorts to wine country and a place to explore. In short: a homage to the colorful and rich history of the Napa Valley.



1881 Napa tasting room. Photo: Lowell Downey.

Per the announcement in [Wine Industry Advisor](#):

“Napa Valley has a powerful place in American wine history and 1881 Napa puts the region in perspective on the world stage,” said Boisset, who grew up in Burgundy, France imbued with a passion for wine and learning as the son of vintners and the grandson of educators.

“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.”

Visitation is complementary and open to the public. Look for wine artifacts, a self-guided tour, the history of Napa Valley, historic winemaking tools, and, of course, a tasting room.