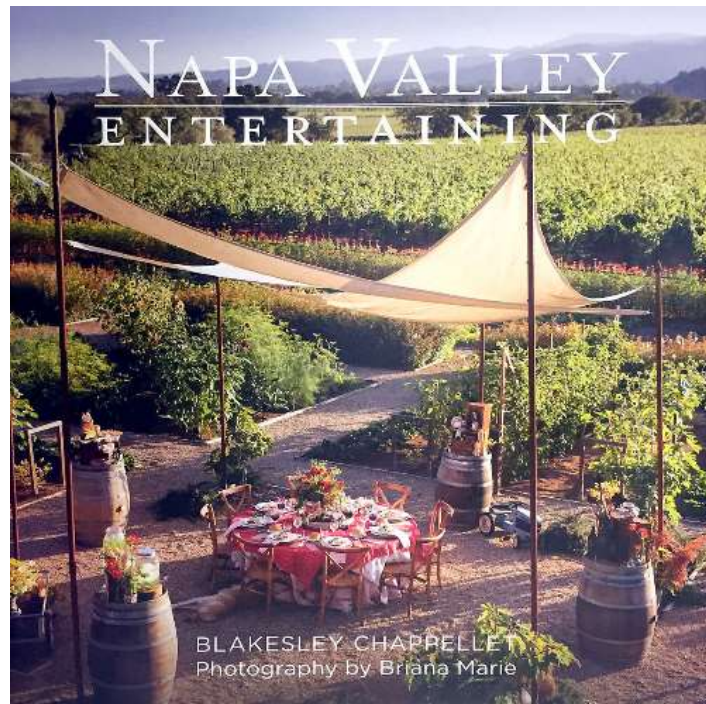


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'Tis the season: the annual cookbook collection

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The late L. Pierce Carson, the Register's food, wine and arts reporter for 50 years, had many traditions. One of these was at least once a year he would write about the new cookbooks that arrived on his desk in the newsroom.

Although he is gone, the books continued to arrive. Always an eclectic collection, here is a sample of what landed in the newsroom this season.

“Napa Valley Entertaining” by Blakesley Chappellet, Historic Hospitality Books, \$60

An impressive, coffee-table cookbook, from another local writer, lavishly illustrated with photographs by Briana Marie, this book travels through the valley, and shares menus, recipes and tips for entertaining from people renowned for their hospitality. Would you like to know what menu Jean-Charles Boisset of Raymond Vineyards would serve guests for a feast of the senses? How to make ceviche the way Amelia Ceja of Ceja Vineyards does? How about what's on the table at Lauren Ackerman's lovingly restored Victorian, Ackerman Heritage House, in downtown Napa? It's all here and more.