

Windsor Brewing Co. Partners Celebrate with Groundbreaking Ceremony

The partners in the new Windsor Brewing Co. celebrated the start of renovations at the former Old Redwood Brewing Co. space in downtown Windsor, Calif. with a groundbreaking ceremony on Wed., Nov. 28.

Windsor Brewing Co. has been formed as a partnership with Dominic Foppoli, owner of Christopher Creek Winery and Vice Mayor (soon to be Mayor) of Windsor, Calif.; Clay Fritz proprietor of Fritz Winery and Jean Charles Boisset, president of Boisset Collection. The night's festivities kicked off the start of the remodel of the Old Redwood Brewing Co. tasting room.



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Fritz and Foppoli founded Old Redwood Brewing in 2012, with the goal of using local products and "infusing local flavor" into exciting and unique beers in the heart of wine country. According to Fritz, the opportunity for the two to partner with Boisset was a chance to continue that mission.

"Clay and Dominic had this wonderful idea for Windsor could eventually become to be a place people could congregate for craft beer in the middle of wine country, and I think there is nothing better" said Boisset.

The new space is expected to open in April 2019.

"We are thrilled tonight. We don't want to unveil anything, just to share a great moment with you. We don't want to tell you too much because we don't have that much to tell you but the fact that now you're part of not the building blocks of Windsor but the destroying blocks of Windsor."



Partners Jean-Charles Boisset and Clay Fritz. Partner Dominic Foppoli was unable to attend, as Vice Mayor for the City of Windsor, he was attending a city council meeting. Photo: Alexander Rubin | www.rubinphotography.com

Windsor Brewing Co. will produce several brews, including an American IPA. Hops for the brand will be sourced from hops planted on Boisset properties over the last few years. New, larger tanks are likely to go in, according to Megan Long, communications manager for Boisset Collection. While many details of what the new space will hold were not released, it is expected that the Old Redwood Brewing Co. brand will continue to be brewed and poured at the brew pub. Bar bites, in the style of upscale pub food, will be served, likely alongside some of the partner's wines.

"It is really an exciting night tonight. The opportunity that we [Fritz and Foppoli] had with Jean Charles to do something unique here in Windsor and the fact that this brewery had the chance to blossom and do some great things I am terribly excited about. I didn't realize we were going through the wall tonight, though," said Fritz. "After 8 months [of planning] we have a few more months to go, but this is going to be fantastic."