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Napa gets a luxe Thai restaurant from S.F., plus 10 other Wine Country developments

New Napa Valley and Sonoma restaurants include several tasting rooms and sister restaurant of S.F.'s Osha Thai



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Crisp Kitchen & Juice serves light, produce-centric meal options in St. Helena.
Provided by Crisp Kitchen & Juice

The latest installment of New in Wine Country spotlights downtown Napa, which has been positively buzzing thanks to the addition of three tasting rooms, a new outpost from San Francisco's Osha Thai and the much-anticipated opening of chef Christopher Kostow's Loveski Deli in the Oxbow Public Market.

A pair of unique <u>Wine Country</u> tours also debuted in Napa and Sonoma in the past month — one of which requires a helmet — in addition to a weekend bakery window in Santa Rosa and a juice bar in St. Helena. Plus, the makers of a \$1 million bottle of Cabernet opened a tasting room in Healdsburg.

Read on for details on 11 notable openings in Napa and Sonoma counties.

Jean Charles Boisset continues his Napa takeover

French vintner and serial entrepreneur Jean Charles Boisset has grown his long list of Napa Valley businesses with a new tasting room in downtown Napa called Chateau Buena Vista. Boisset, best known for St. Helena's Raymond Vineyards and the sparkling wine-focused JCB Tasting Lounge, also owns the Oakville Grocery, Calistoga Depot and recently purchased the Elizabeth Spencer Winery. According to NapaLife, he's also acquired the historic Keller's meat market building in St. Helena, though he hasn't revealed his plans for the new space yet.

Chateau Buena Vista is Boisset's sister location for the 1857 Buena Vista Winery in Sonoma, which he purchased in 2011. Decorated in gold, velvet, marble and crystal, the Napa tasting room fully embodies Boisset's signature palatial design style. In addition to a standard tasting of four wines (\$40 per person), the lounge has curated food and wine experiences: a Champagne and caviar pairing (\$100 per person), Cabernet and chocolate pairing (\$75 per person) and The Ultimate Indulgence (\$200 per person), featuring all four luxuries.