

2020 BEST OF NAPA VALLEY AWARDS • READERS CHOICE •

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Each year our readers nominate and vote on some of Napa Valley's best people, places and things that offer exceptional experiences for both visitors and locals alike. It is always challenging to include all that Napa has to offer in such a finite list, so the Editor's Picks includes categories that were not included in the Peoples' Choice ballot and are worth an honorable mention.

BEST New Restaurants

Napa Valley's culinary scene welcomed some exciting new restaurants in 2019, some under the mantle of local veteran master chefs, and a few newcomers to the area. Here are our top two picks:

✓ AVOW

813 Main St, Napa
707-203-8900 • avownapa.com

After much anticipation, the famed three-level space on 813 Main Street, originally known as Fagianis, re-opened in August as AVOW, a contemporary restaurant and bar under the ownership of winery veteran Joe Wagner. AVOW's "rustic luxury" menu offers an eclectic array of food and a cocktail menu with fun takes on the classics, which are most often enjoyed on the rooftop patio.

✓ Perry Langs

6539 Washington Street,
Yountville • 707-945-4522
perrylangs.com

Veteran dry aged meat master and BBQ legend, Adam Perry Lang, launched the opening of his second eponymous restaurant with the September 2019 debut of Perry Lang's as part of The Estate Yountville's ongoing expansion. Offering diners an approachable chophouse experience in the heart of wine country, the new American restaurant features a menu of seasonally-driven and market-forward fare that complements Perry Lang's one-of-a-kind dry-aged meat offerings.



BEST Party of the Year

✓ Jean Charles Boisset's 50th Birthday Bash www.jcbcollection.com

On September 7, Napa vintner, proprietor and entertainer extraordinaire, Jean Charles Boisset (JCB) took the Napa party scene to the next level as he celebrated his 50th birthday among thousands of his "closest friends." Hosted at his Raymond Winery in St. Helena, the opulent 007 themed bash thrilled guests with over the top scenes recreated from the James Bond movie series. The evening began with a welcome toast from Jean Charles, who filled guests' glasses with JCB bubbles while swinging from a 25' high harness. It only got better from there.



Jean Charles Boisset
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