



Father's Day Gift Guide in Lieu of Travel Plans



Here's a great idea for a Father's Day gift!

Raymond Vineyards of Boisset Collection transported its most popular guest activity, a wine blending session, called "Winemaker for a Day" into the virtual realm of our sheltered in place world.

Now you can create a proprietary bottle of wine, pick or design a label graphic and a name for it, and even acquire an entire case of your own signature cuvée (well, composed of the Raymond's high quality well-balanced and expertly produced wines).

That's how it works. A Raymond Vineyards wine-blending kit is shipped out from the winery to your home, and perhaps to some other homes for a group video session. The kit contains four 750-ml bottles of the Raymond wines used for blending — in this case, an unoaked Cabernet Sauvignon, a Cabernet with new oak, Cabernet Franc and Merlot — as well as four graduated cylinders, four pipettes, blending worksheets and an instruction booklet.

After buying a kit for \$200 (shipping included), you can schedule a private virtual wine blending session with one of Raymond's wine educators. Better yet, you can join a video blending exercise in a group, led by Jean-Charles Boisset, proprietor of Boisset Collection.

The next "Winemaker for a Day, at home with Jean-Charles Boisset" is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 2 to 3 p.m., and will be transmitted via Facebook.

During this public event, hosted by Raymond Vineyards, you'll learn the art of blending your own Napa Valley Bordeaux-style red wine. After you determine the exact percentage of Raymond varietals in your custom blend, you will design your own label that will be dutifully reproduced by the winery on your personal bottle. They will cork it and send it to your home.

Then you can order your favorite blend, complete with the name and label image you picked, for \$50 per bottle (\$40 for club members) with a 6-bottle minimum, shipping included. Father's Day happy memories will last longer!