

THE HUNT

WE LOOK TO THREE SONOMA COUNTY WINERIES FOR THE DESIGN SCOOP AND TASTING RECOMMENDATIONS.



▲ PAUL HOBBS WINERY

Architecture: Backen & Gillam Architects. **Design:** April Powers Interior Design. **Location:** Sebastopol. **Why you should visit:** Go for the exclusive, by-appointment opportunity to enjoy limited-production wines from estate vineyards in a private dining room. **What's new:** April Powers Interior Design remodeled existing spaces to create the VIP library at the main Katherine Lindsay Estate auxiliary tasting room. **Design details:** The library is furnished with a custom Altura Furniture dining table, slipcovered Gregorius Pineo dining chairs, light fixtures by South African artist David Krynauw and a custom rug from Stark. **What to taste:** Katherine Lindsay Estate Pinot Noir, named in honor of Hobbs' great-grandmother; Ross Station Estate Chardonnay, a beautiful and true expression of the Russian River Valley; and Nathan Coombs Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, produced from Hobbs' pinnacle estate vineyard. paulhobbswinery.com



▲ LIOCO WINE COMPANY

Architecture: Jennifer Tulley Architects. **Design:** Paige Pierce Design. **Location:** Healdsburg. **Why you should visit:** Lioco is one of just a few wineries in town making light, fresh, food-oriented wines in a California style not seen since the 1970s. **What's new:** The "omakase" tasting flight, a curated selection of the best wines open that day. **Design details:** Ocean-inspired blues paired with brass details and bleached oak evoke a modern California vibe as well as the Lioco brand. A custom mural, barstools, pendant lights and tasting-room tables are all by local California artisans. **What to taste:** Try the proprietors' go-to: the La Marisma Vineyard Chardonnay from the Santa Cruz Mountains, a bright white that pairs perfectly with seafood. liocowine.com



▲ ROBERT YOUNG ESTATE WINERY

Architecture and design: Wade Design. **Location:** Geyserville—just 10 minutes from Healdsburg. **Why you should visit:** The 448-acre Alexander Valley estate has been family-owned-and-farmed by six generations since 1858. **What's new:** Visitors can take part in vineyard and winemaking experiences, including cave-blending sessions and Bordeaux blend seminars. **Design details:** Set atop the family's favorite hillside overlook, the modernly designed Scion House offers sweeping 360-degree views of the Alexander Valley vineyards. Guests can relax on the back deck, inside next to the fire or in a seated dining room. **What to taste:** Robert Young's small-lot varietals express the power and balance of wines from the Alexander Valley. Sample the estate wines, which are only available at the winery, including bold, 100 percent cabernets, sublime Bordeaux blends and rich chardonnays. ryew.com

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