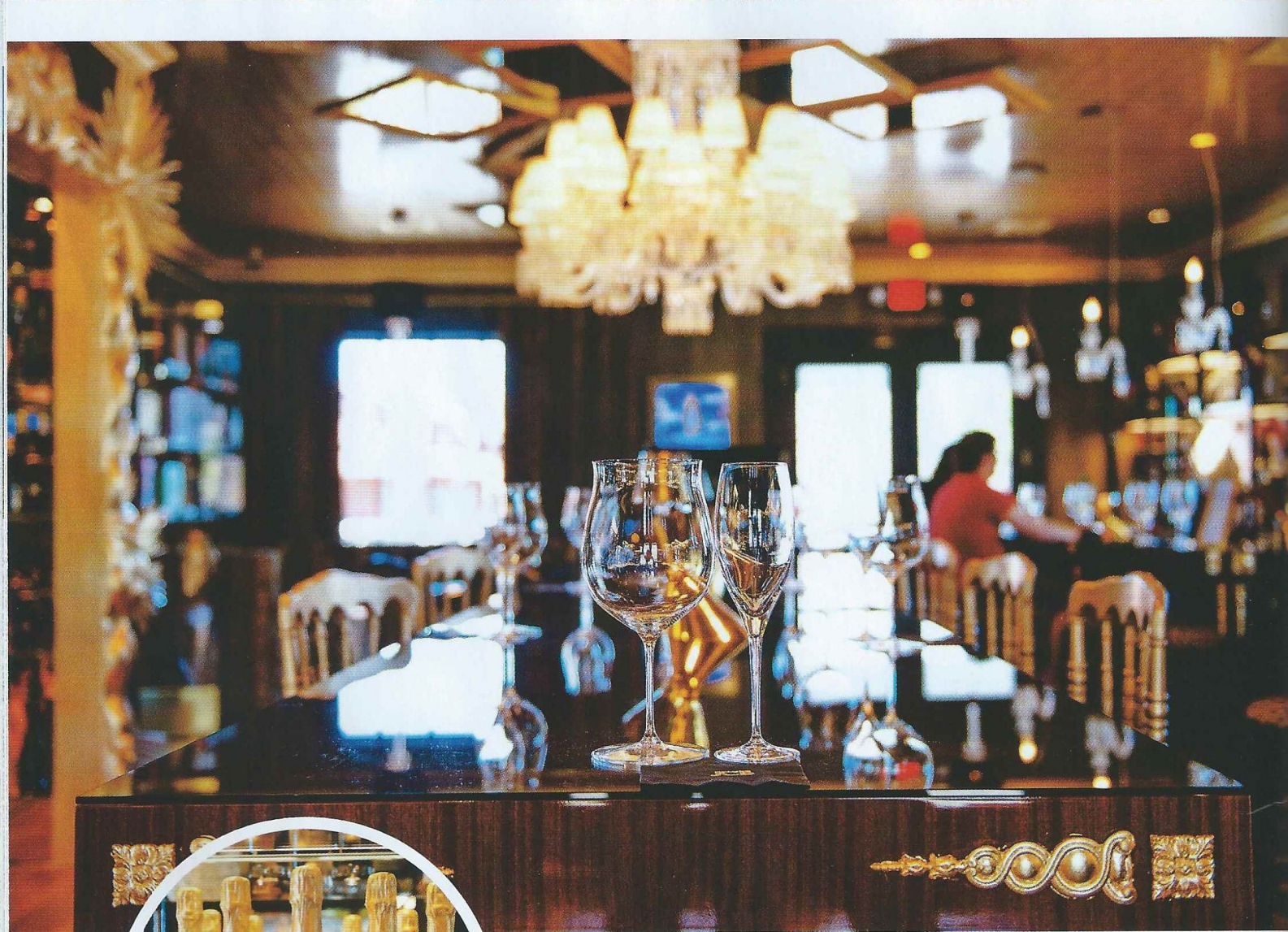




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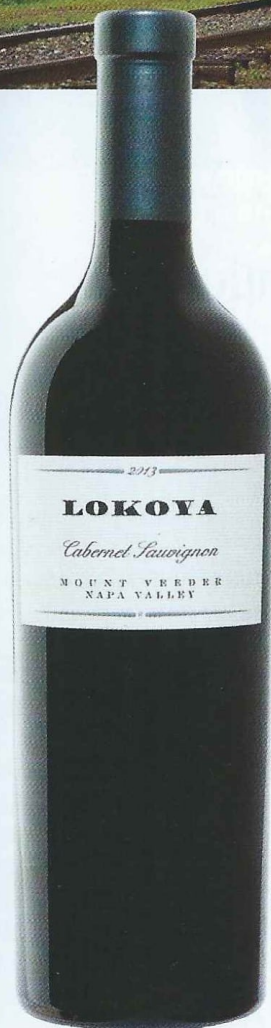
Fall is the height of harvest season in California wine country, and oenophiles have a lot to toast to thanks to these wineries and exclusive experiences

JCB TASTING SALON

Jean-Charles Boisset, proprietor of more than 20 prestigious wineries in the world's pre-eminent terroirs, continues to stamp his flamboyant style on Napa Valley, this time in Yountville at the JCB Tasting Salon, which opened in February. Settle into animal-print chairs beneath gilded mirrors and savor a Premium Flight of four JCB wines (\$30 per person) or opt for the Surrealist Flight of five selected JCB wines (\$50 per person), poured in a private boutique surrounded by Baccarat crystal, Christofle silver and Boisset's own custom-designed jewelry. JCBCOLLECTION.COM



CLOCKWISE
FROM FAR LEFT:
Alpha Omega's
barrel loft; Sinegal's
estate lounge; the
Napa Valley Wine
Train; Lokoya's
acclaimed Cabernet



ALPHA OMEGA: TASTE OF TO KALON

For the ultimate taste of Napa Valley's history this fall, the Alpha Omega winery launches "Taste of To Kalon," named for one of the region's most sought-after vineyards: To Kalon, first planted in 1868. The tasting includes three To Kalon Cabernet Sauvignons from the bottle and one barrel sample. For an intimate setting amid French oak casks and grapevine chandeliers, request the Barrel Loft experience. By appointment only. \$150 per person. AOWINERY.COM

SINEGAL ESTATE

This stone winery and tasting room opened in January on the historic 1881 Inglewood Estate. The appointment-only tasting starts with a tour of the lush gardens, the lake and vast underground caves, followed by a taste of Sinegal's Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. The Elevated Experience adds champagne and a barrel sample of an upcoming vintage. \$75 per person.

SINEGALESTATE.COM

LOKOYA

Loyalists of this acclaimed small-lot wine are booking appointments now for a glimpse at the label's first estate, opening in late fall with end-to-end views of Napa Valley. The sit-down tasting is by appointment only and guests are greeted with a welcome glass of French champagne followed by four of Lokoya's acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignons, each accompanied with food prepared by an estate chef. \$150 per person. LOKOYA.COM

WINE TRAIN: QUATTRO VINO

Rumble along the rails on Napa Valley Wine Train's new Quattro VINO Tour, which visits four top wineries: Robert Mondavi, Charles Krug, Merryvale and V. Sattui. Reserve wines are poured in each of their private tasting rooms, and in between stops, guests can enjoy a sumptuous four-course menu consisting of freshly prepared California fare in a redesigned 36-seat Pullman car. The six-hour journey is \$249 per person.

WINETRAIN.COM