

# It's a Vibe



Some wineries have a vibe that's hard to define—but you know it when you feel it. Whether it's the pulse of vinyl spinning in the background, the glow of neon against a barrel room wall, or the rustic charm of a vineyard farmstead, these wineries go beyond great wine. They set a mood, spark a feeling, and invite you into an experience that lingers long after the last sip.

## ROOTED, RUSTIC ELEGANCE, SERENE Sequitur Wines

► When we think of the Pacific Northwest, scenes of evergreen trees, rustic wood and beautiful light come to mind. Sequitur embraces it all while paying homage to its roots as a dairy farm. With 60 acres of Douglas firs surrounding the winery and tasting room property, a visit means immersing oneself in nature. The exterior is reminiscent of its timber barn bones. Inside, light and dark-stained wood create an intriguing contrast, with repurposed Douglas fir flooring, concrete elements and plenty of large picture windows throughout. Those windows let the forest light in,

while the glow of the fireplace warms the space. Choose to sit inside or find a space outside to watch the winemaking process at this rejuvenated farm space. —Molly Allen

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2022 Pinot Noir "Triple Seven"  
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A BLEND OF MUSIC+WINE  
**Sleight of Hand Cellars**

At Sleight of Hand Cellars, music is as integral to the experience as wine, and both are thoughtfully curated here. Amid walls lined with Pearl Jam memorabilia, visitors sip wines while listening to turntables spinning an eclectic mix of music from several thousand vinyl albums. Sleight of Hand's motto, "Great wine, great music, lots of fun," comes to life by encouraging guests to browse bins of vintage vinyl to be played while tasting. The winery collaborates with Sub Pop Records, offering digital music downloads for wine club members. The winery's love of music is further cemented with live concerts, a VINE(YL) club, music-themed wine labels, and in-house record stores. Sleight of Hand has mastered the magic of pairing wines with tunes and creating an experience that resonates with oenophiles and musicophiles. —Steve Kilisky

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2021 The Archimage

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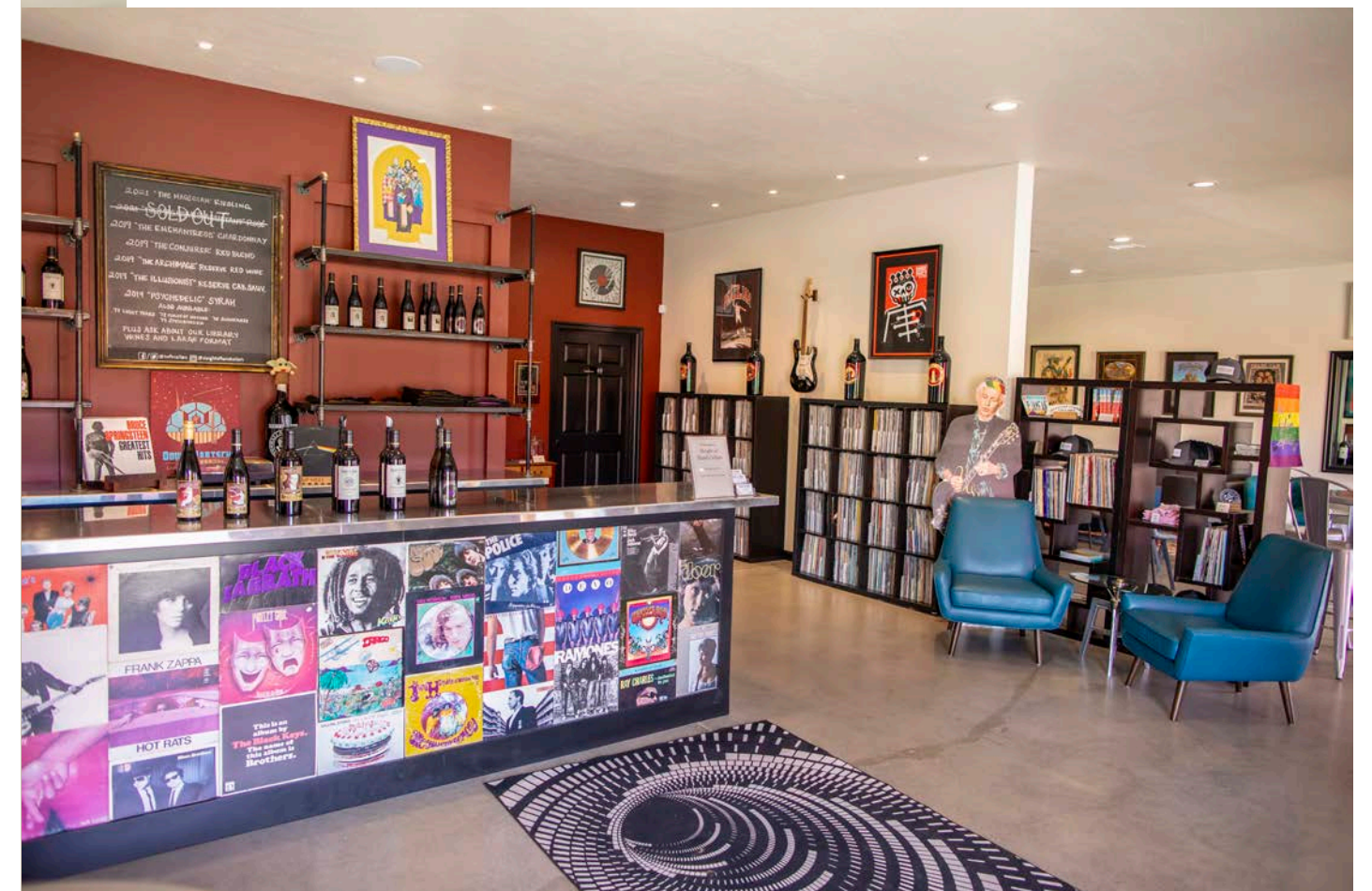


NEIGHBORLY, SOCIAL, UNPRETENTIOUS  
**Ricochet Wine Company**

Looking for wine tasting with a neighborly, pub-like feel? Or maybe an intimate, elevated barrel-room tasting? Welcome to Ricochet Et al. Wine Bar. At this community hot spot, you can opt for a flight, glass or bottle in the industrial-chic tasting room with views of the cellar action while you chillax. Or get into the competitive spirit over a game of ping-pong. The mood-lit barrel room can be reserved for a private tasting with the winemaker — and afterwards play a board game over a glass. Either way, you'll feel right at home, like an old friend sharing in great conversation. —Kristy Wenz

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2022 Les Collines Vineyard Tempranillo  
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DESIGN MEETS NATURE

Cor Cellars

Driving along Old Highway 8, it's immediately evident that the goal in designing this hillside winery and tasting room was to embrace its natural surroundings. A mixture of different colored cedar paneling creates contrast on the exterior, while the countless large windows and folding courtyard door let in the golden rays on sunny days. Walking from the parking lot, you're welcomed by the courtyard, with blooming flowers, cozy seating and fire pits, depending on the season. Inside, the whitewashed tasting bar makes a statement as modern meets rustic with a sleek fireplace, soft leather chairs and wraparound window seating with patterned textiles. Choose to sit inside, in the covered courtyard or book a tasting in one of the hillside tents, complete with vibrant furnishings, wood-slab tables and incredible Mount Hood and Columbia Gorge views. —Molly Allen

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2022 Old Hwy Red

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ADULT SUMMER CAMP  
Sealionne Wines

Travel down a gravel road dressed up with verdant green to get to this winery escape. You'll discover the incredible hillside views of West Wind Vineyard in the Ribbon Ridge AVA, but that's not even the highlight. Your tasting experience starts with a restored 1970s Airstream trailer affectionately named Floyd, with a refurbished barn-turned-covered-pavilion outfitted with wooden picnic-style tables and string lights. Need to warm up? Gather around the campfire while soaking up the sunny views of the vineyard and towering trees in the distance. There's a playful allure to this outdoor tasting experience that, for an afternoon, will make you feel like you're back at summer camp. —Molly Allen

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2023 Phoque Rosé

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ROOTED IN NATURE AND TRANQUILITY

**Antica Terra**

There's a dream wine experience for every personality — and Antica Terra's new hospitality center is for those who seek quiet luxury. Designed by the architectural firm West of West, the atmospheric Barrel Hall offers multiple immersive experiences. For *A Very Nice Lunch*, chef Timothy Wastell lavishes guests with a sequence of impeccable wine-paired dishes (from succulent pink singing scallops *en papillote* to hearty cassoulet with foraged green garlic and truffle jus). Book the Collective Tasting to try Maggie Harrison's wines alongside inspirational bottles from around the world. Add on the Rarities Flight for something transcendent (recent wines included Guillaume Selosse L'Argillier Champagne and 1985 Giacomo Borgogno Barolo Riserva). Come summer, you can taste at a 200-foot-long concrete table that swirls under leafy oaks, where guest artists install thought-provoking pieces in and around the trees. —Kerry Newberry

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Botanica Pinot Noir

Amity, Oregon | [anticaterra.com](http://anticaterra.com)

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SERENE SHIZEN  
**Ambar Estate**

At this sophisticated new wine estate in the Dundee Hills, serenity is rooted in nature. It's the ancient redwood tree that looms over harmonious gardens designed by renowned landscape architect Hoichi Kurisu. (He also created the Portland Japanese Garden along with other internationally acclaimed projects.) It's the elegant tasting room, with modern Japanese-inspired architecture and soaring glass walls and doors that evoke traditional shoji screens. And it's the intimate tasting experience, set in a private suite that overlooks a sea of vineyards and sky-high evergreens. Just as memorable: chef Heidi Whitney-Schile's hyper-seasonal, wine-paired dishes (from silky sōmen noodles flecked with wild greens to an umami-packed tuna tataki nicoise), each one more revelatory than the next. —Kerry Newberry

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2022 Lustral Chardonnay

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WHIMSICAL STORYBOOK WINE FARM

**Antiquum Farm**

▶ Daydreaming about country life? Maybe a breezy plot where sheep outnumber people and the idle chatter comes from the resident flock of chickens? Grab your Grundéns and head to the state's most idyllic wine farm for a storybook afternoon. Located about 30 miles from Eugene, Oregon, Antiquum's entire ethos centers around grazing-based viticulture and regenerative agriculture. That's why your wine tasting includes a tour of the farm and vineyard, where you'll mingle with a herd of perky Kune Kune pigs and a gaggle of happy-go-lucky geese and ducks. You'll also meet the farm's loyal crew of Maremma sheep dogs. The reservation-only tastings take place in a Cotswold-like cottage or on garden tables in warmer months. Join winery chef David Evans in the cottage kitchen for seasonal cooking classes. —Kerry Newberry

**TRY THIS**

2023 Daisy Pinot Gris

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LAKESIDE ESCAPE MEETS POLO CLUB CHARM

**Succession Wines**

▶ Wine tasting should take you on a vacation, even if you don't need to hop on a flight. With vibrant vineyard views leading down toward the bold blue waters of Lake Chelan, Succession Wines offers just that. While there is certainly room for tasting inside on cooler days, once the large glass garage door opens up to the patio, that's when the real party starts. Soak in the mountain and water views and the abundant sunshine while sipping a glass of your favorite refreshing white. You'll find plenty of seating on outdoor patio furniture, along with even better views from a picnic table or striped umbrella table on the grassy lawn next to the vines. —Molly Allen

**TRY THIS**

2023 Sauvignon Blanc

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CASUAL, PLAYFUL, CHILL

## JoieFarm

*Joie de vivre* is what is promised in the glass and what you'll feel the moment you step through the breezy, sunlit tasting room and onto the lawn overlooking JoieFarm's home vineyard, Lake Okanagan and the rolling mountains beyond. After tasting the winery's hallmark aromatic whites and light, juicy reds with their savvy, charismatic staff, grab a glass of your favorite pour, then nab a seat at an Adirondack chair or picnic table on the lawn. Feeling a little peckish? A creative hot dog-driven food program offers a no-fuss way to satisfy your hunger. Plus a regulation-size oyster shell bocce court is on the property for those looking to round out a life of leisure. Family friendly, dog friendly and fun! —Kurtis Kolt

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JoieFarm 2023 Rosé

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ECLECTIC, RETRO, DIVERGENT

## Split Rail Winery

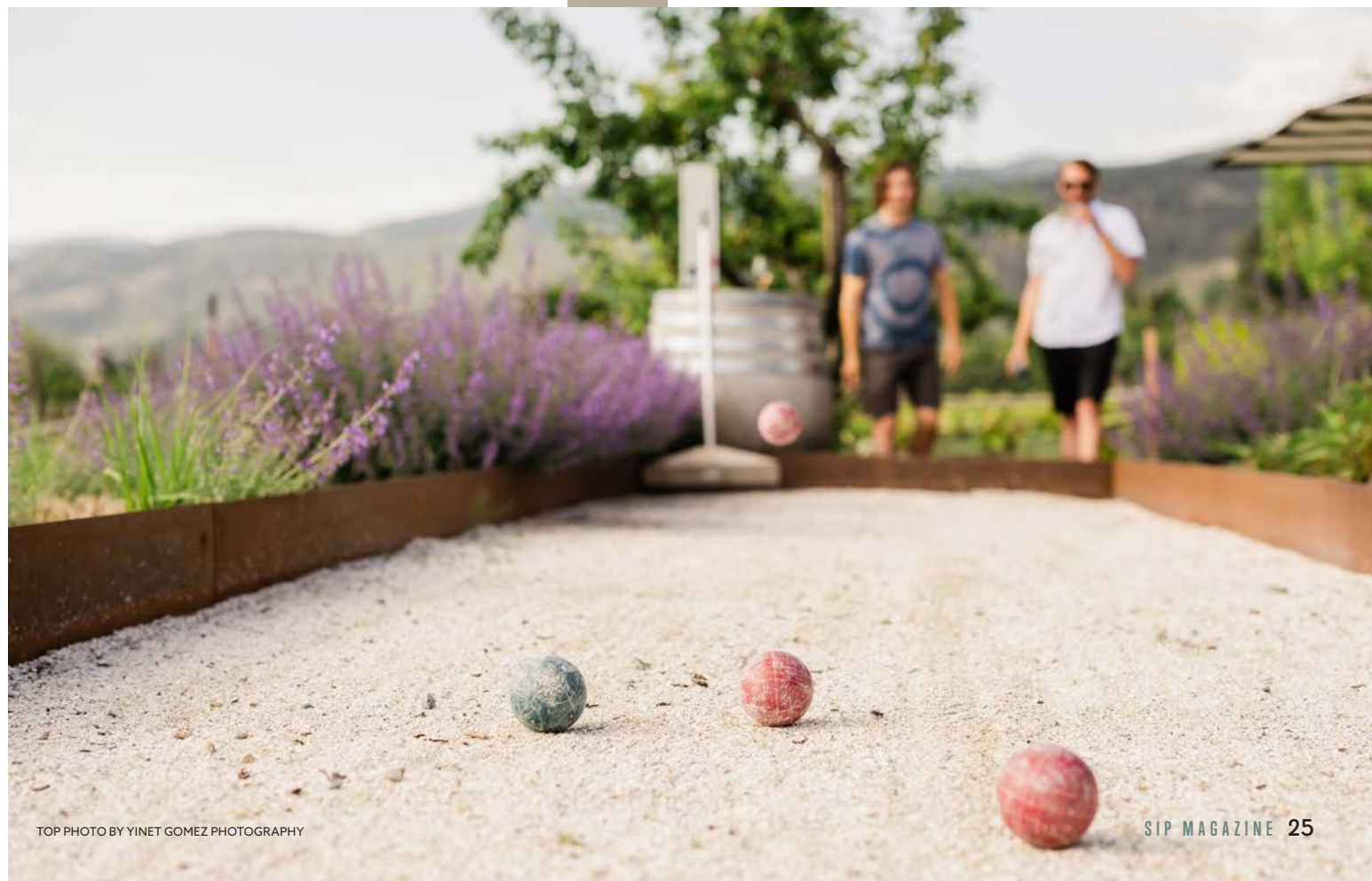
The Jetsons meet The Cure in this funky light-industrial neighborhood adjacent to downtown Boise, as Split Rail showcases Googie décor, sounds inspired by the '80s and Rhône-influenced wines. In 2022 Jed Glavin took his popular concept and wine program into a new building along bustling West Chinden Boulevard. The black/cyan/magenta industrial exterior is set off by wooden split-rail fencing and Adirondack chairs. Inside is a constant contrast of styles, including urban chic furniture and blue/purple neon lighting. The tasting bar beckons those intrigued by orange wines, bubbles and bottles named Bearded Quixote, Laser Fox or Swamp Donkey. Devotees of punk, funk, goth or techno — original and new — will embrace the playlist. Pretense? You can bring your pooch, get wine flights in test tubes and munch on a bag of Lay's potato chips from Asia. —Eric Degerman

### TRY THIS

2022 Laser Fox Cinsault

Garden City, Idaho | [splitrailwines.com](http://splitrailwines.com)

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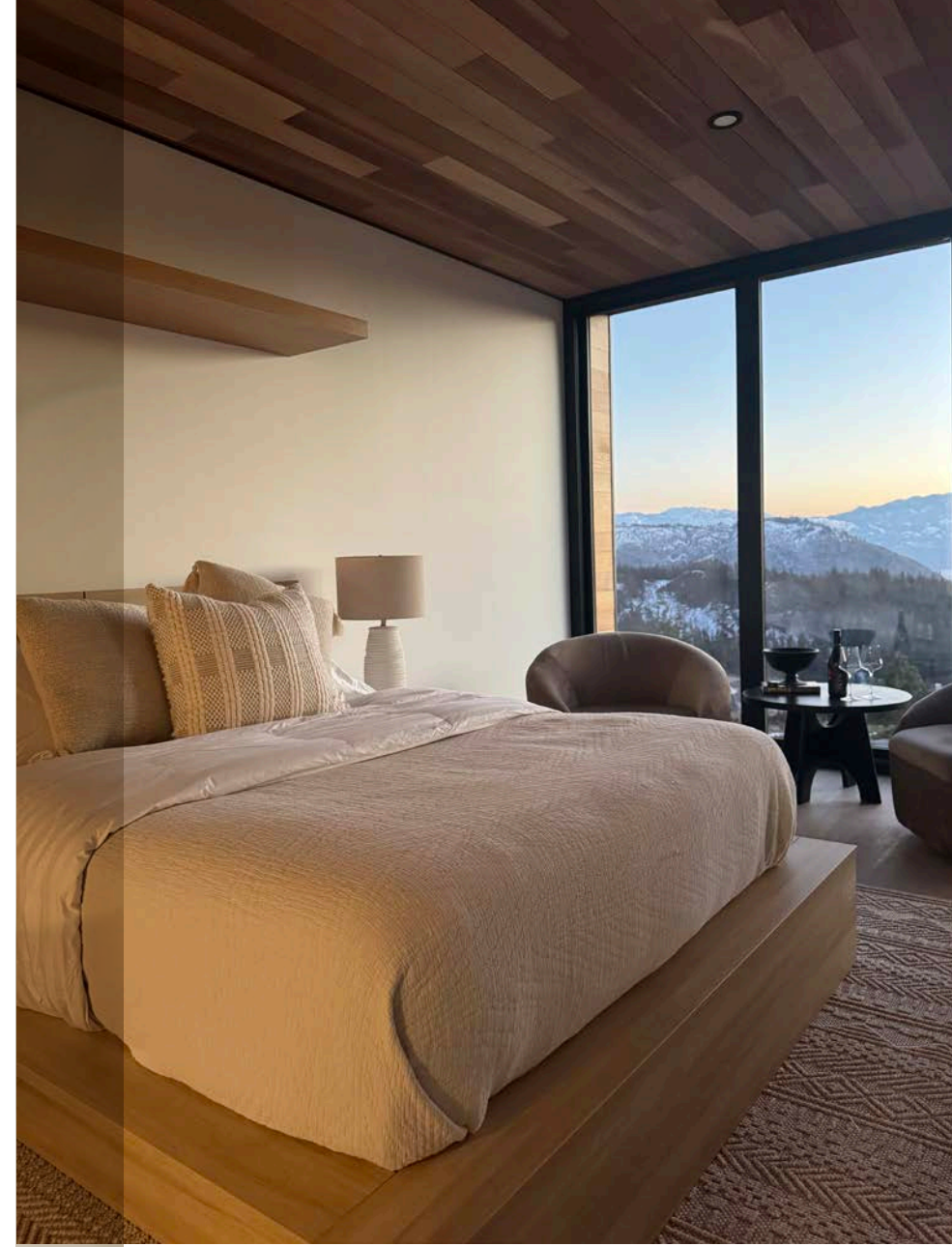
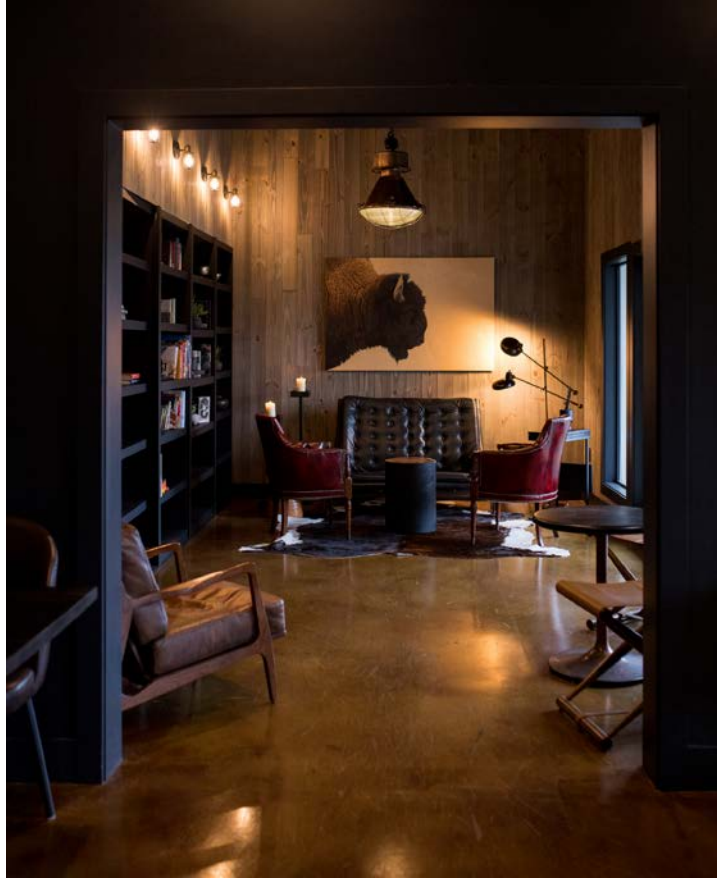
SULTRY MOODY SPEAKEASY  
**Darby Winery**

▸ Located in Woodinville's Hollywood District, the exterior of Darby Winery is unassuming. But that's a quality of any great speakeasy. Upon entering, you're immediately transported into a comfortable space with dark hues and pops of muted color. The black tasting bar is set up with plush velvet green barstools and is highlighted by black tile work, splashes of concrete and dark painted windows leading to another room. In the library, cozy up into weathered leather furniture next to black painted bookshelves dressed up with vintage books and interesting trinkets. If you find your way to the hidden speakeasy, the Needledrop Lounge, you'll be met with moody lighting, a splash of white neon, lit candles and the perfect tune on vinyl. —Molly Allen

**TRY THIS**

2022 The Flipside

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COZY MOUNTAIN FARM CHIC  
**Niche Wine Co.**

▸ The simple life is nestled right here at Niche Wine Co.'s working farm. Tucked into the hills of West Kelowna, the winery is a trifecta of easygoing luxury throughout their tasting room, Hilltop Bar & Patio and charming-as-heck Outside Inn Cabins. Experiences are immersive and relaxed; feel free to stroll the vineyard rows, enjoy a barrel-side tasting in the winery, splash into happy hour at the bar, or grab a bottle of bubbles and a snack in the picnic area. Spending the night on the farm is hardly rough around the edges. Features include a deep soaker tub, rain shower, a fully stocked wine fridge and coffee bar to keep you bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. There's even a vinyl record player on hand, adding to the cozy feel! —Kurtis Kolt

**TRY THIS**

2023 Small Batch Red

West Kelowna, British Columbia | [nichewinecompany.com](http://nichewinecompany.com)  
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AVANT-GARDE, COLORFUL, INSPIRED

## Artist Block

Part art gallery, part winery, this tasting room is the definition of vibe and delivers the unexpected. From Friday movie nights tucked under a furry blanket on an ultra-comfy, uber-modern sofa, to a garishly chic white party with Porsches, fencing, oysters and vineyard views, or even an afternoon of flash tats and barbecue, Artist Block events are always a cutting-edge experience. Even the wine names are unconventional. You'll find Cha-Ching Cha-Ching or Woo Juice (among many others) on one of four curated tastings, including the "I Don't Give a F\*ck" lineup of rare wines tucked away in secret hiding places, or the "Clarity Flight" for the NA Crowd. Who says playtime is only for the kids?

—Kristy Wenz

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