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## **CALISTOGA DEPOT CELEBRATING GRAND OPENING ON APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**

The historic site will open in full, including the Calistoga Depot Distillery, Beer Garden, Historical Wine Tasting Room, Train Cars and the re-imagined Calistoga Depot Provisions

**CALISTOGA, CA** (March 14, 2024) – Built in 1868, the historic Calistoga Depot, California’s second oldest train station, will celebrate its grand opening on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The April opening will include a re-opening of the Calistoga Depot Provisions, and the grand opening of all of the experiences at the Calistoga Depot, including the Calistoga Depot Distillery Bar; an outdoor beer and garden; and five train cars: the JCB Parlor Car featuring Champagne, oysters, and caviar; the First Millionaire’s Saloon; Casa Obsidiana featuring gourmet Mexican cuisine and Casa Obsidiana tequila; Earth & Sky Chocolates, the Calistoga Depot Wine Merchant and Historic Tasting Room.

“We are thrilled to finally unveil the complete vision for the Calistoga Depot,” expressed Jean-Charles Boisset. “We feel a deep responsibility towards history and American heritage, and thus we are honored to share this unique landmark destination and to continue the story that Sam Brannan first wrote.”

The opening of the Calistoga Depot will feature the debut of the Calistoga Depot Distillery Bar, a local spirits tasting discovery with spirits tastings, barrel tastings, and craft cocktails with spirits from Boisset’s Calistoga Depot Distillery that are inspired by the life and story of Calistoga Founder Sam Brannan, who famously became the first millionaire of California during the Gold Rush of 1849. The Calistoga Depot Distillery Bar boasts a full collection of locally-distilled artisan spirits that [launched in October of 2023](#). The ultra-premium, barrel-aged and wine-cask finished spirits portfolio has already garnered 34 awards including a Double Gold and Gold from The Fifty Best and the Master Medal, reserved for truly outstanding spirits, from The Spirits Business’ American Whiskey Masters.

The Calistoga Depot Provisions will re-open as the Calistoga Depot Provisions by Nova Terra Kitchen & Creamery featuring a curated selection of thoughtfully sourced local artisanal producers, organic and environmentally conscious offerings as well as a full menu of plant-based comfort food (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Nova Terra Founders Brook and Terri Penquite are most recently known locally for their small-batch, plant-based, hand-crafted cheeses featured at local wineries, the Oakville Grocery and more.

The Depot’s train cars will be unveiled for the first time. Each train car offers a unique food and beverage experience, beginning with the JCB Parlor Car featuring Champagne, Oysters, and Caviar in a train car that transports guests to the luxury of the sea. A second train car named Casa Obsidiana highlights Boisset’s new tequila also named Casa Obsidiana, the diversity of Mexican cuisine, and unique Oaxacan art. The First Millionaire’s Saloon pays homage to Sam Brannan and the saloons that he would have visited in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; it will feature the whiskeys, bourbons, and brandies of the Calistoga Depot Distillery. The Calistoga Depot Wine Merchant will feature a curated collection of wines and luxury spirits from wine producers in Calistoga, the Napa Valley and beyond, and spirits from noted craft distillers and well-known global selections. Earth & Sky Chocolates has been producing its signature chocolates in its train car and will be open for retail sales of its well-regarded chocolate creations.

In the backyard, a bustling beer garden will feature local craft breweries and the menu offerings from each of the train cars. The historical wine tasting room pays homage to every AVA of the Napa Valley and the foundation of Napa Valley’s community; create your self-curated wine journey through the valley by the taste, glass or flight.

The Vine Trail, a 47-mile walking, biking and trail system connecting the entire Napa Valley from Vallejo to Calistoga has its ultimate stop at the Calistoga Depot, including a bike shelter sponsored by Boisset. It follows much of the path that Sam Brannan helped envision when he built the Napa Valley Railroad in 1868.

The Calistoga Depot's incredible array of offerings includes nine completely unique experiences and four distinct menus that offer something for everyone on one of the most iconic properties in the Napa Valley.

Planned hours are as follows:

- Calistoga Depot Provisions: 7 AM to 10 PM – Thursday to Monday, Closed Tuesday-Wednesday
- Calistoga Depot Distillery, Train Cars, and Backyard: 11 AM to 8 PM – Monday, Thursday Sunday and until 10 PM on Friday and Saturday; Closed Tuesday-Wednesday

The Calistoga Depot's re-opening marks the completion of a plan that started three years ago when Jean-Charles Boisset and Michael Madden were first inspired to restore and renovate the property into this world-class destination. The last stop on a journey up the Napa Valley that has something for everyone. It is also the beginning of an era in which the Calistoga Depot will once again become a must-see, must-experience destination for visitors and locals alike.

"My team and I welcome one and all to take the trip of a lifetime at the Calistoga Depot!" said Madden. "All aboard!"

Calistoga Depot is set to become a community and visitor gathering place rooted in history, authenticity and integrity anchored in the story of its founder, Sam Brannan. **Calistoga Depot is located at 1458 Lincoln Avenue, Calistoga.** To learn more about the Calistoga Depot, visit [calistogadepot.com](http://calistogadepot.com).

#### **About Boisset Collection**

Boisset is a family-owned collection of historic and unique wineries bound together by a common cause: authentic, terroir-driven wines in harmony with their history, their future and the land and people essential to their existence. With more than twenty-five historical and prestigious wineries in the world's preeminent terroirs, including the Côte d'Or, Beaujolais, Rhône Valley, California's Russian River Valley and the Napa Valley, each house retains its unique history, identity and style, and all are united in the pursuit of fine wines expressive of their terroir. To learn more about the Boisset Collection, please visit: [boissetcollection.com](http://boissetcollection.com).

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