



IN LIVING COLOR

Gallery Meets Tasting Room at Ma(i)sonry

This historic 1904 stone manor is one of only two buildings in Yountville listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The gallery within displays art and artifacts from as far back as the 16th century. “It’s as if you have just walked into someone’s home, and you are both immediately comfortable and yet immediately intrigued by all that is going on around you,” owner Michael Polenske says. “Ma(i)sonry is in every way a celebration of life’s aesthetics. Every collection onsite has been created by the hand of an artist, artisan, or designer, and, of course, that includes the wine.”

Weekends often feature trunk shows of handcrafted jewelry and fashion events from boutiques, such as San Francisco–based Eco Citizen. After touring the bi-level gallery’s rotation of roughly 400 works of art, settle in at the stone fire pit or the long communal redwood table, and run through prescribed flights, or order à la carte from the collective of 15 obscure small-production wineries, including Blackbird, Brown, and Lail.

Ma(i)sonry, 6711 Washington St., Yountville, (707) 944-0889, maisonry.com.

RHYTHM OF THE NIGHT

Platinum Playlist Wine Tasting at Cliff Lede

The music aficionado—owner of Cliff Lede Vineyards is single-handedly forging a stereophonic relationship between music and wine. This Stags Leap District winery started by dividing its acres into vineyard blocks named after classic rock songs. Next, he created a wine series called Rock Blocks by blending the best blocks from the estate—2006 Moon Sympathy (“Dark Side of the Moon” and “Sympathy for the Devil”), 2007 Imagine Rhapsody (“Imagine” and “Bohemian Rhapsody”), and the 2008 Lonely Wizard (Cliff Lede’s “Lonely Wizard” and “Pinball Wizard”). Finally, this year, it developed the Platinum Playlist, a tasting program that pushes the audio-oenological marriage even further.

It starts with a tour of the winery, including the tasting room which is decorated with framed copies of classic records such as The Beatles’ *White Album*. Then, each of the three Rock Block red wines is paired with a rock song from Cliff Lede’s playlist. The art gallery adjacent to the tasting room terrace showcases Lede’s private collection as well as rotating shows.

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