



LIBRARY & CELLAR ROOM INTERIOR DESIGN

Media Fact Sheet

Summary:

Nestled in the hills north of Healdsburg, Jordan Winery's French-inspired chateau was constructed in the mid-1970s as an homage to old-world France, and its indoor tasting salons had not been remodeled in decades. Owner John Jordan, whose parents founded the winery, used the downturn in visitor numbers during the pandemic as an opportunity to embark on a \$150,000 remodel of the chateau's library and cellar room—and kept the tasting salons closed even when indoor dining was allowed with capacity restrictions. Designed by [Susan Schippmann](#) for Richardson Pribuss Architects, the Library has been transformed from an orange-hued tasting salon filled with cabinets of antiques into a bright, elegant library filled with rare books and tasting alcoves. Jordan's Lisa Mattson and Tim Spence collaborated on the redesign of the adjoining Cellar Room. After a year of renovations, the Library Tasting experience reopened to guests in June 2021.

Highlights:

Library

The term Library now holds dual meaning at Jordan; it's no longer only the name for the winery's collection of aged wines and its signature daily tasting experience, the Library Tasting. The winery now features a curated library of vintage books to complement its cellared cabernet sauvignons. Remodel features include:

- Floor-to-ceiling, golden-oak panels were glaze-painted by [Willem Racké Studio](#) of San Francisco with a special blend of Benjamin Moore Silken Pine to brighten the room while giving the woodwork an antique aesthetic
- Glass-paned cabinets were converted to bookshelves, filled with a curated library sourced by Jordan's Lisa Mattson, who collected antique books from genres tied to the Jordan's story: land conservation, farming, birds, gardening, food, hospitality, travel, French culture, and John Jordan's personal interests, including aviation, boating, economics and German history.
- A four-foot tall, silvered-bronze, 18-light, Rococo chandelier from France circa 1880; each arm depicting grapevines with clusters of grapes, leaves and flowers with each *bobeche* shaped like an opening flower with a light acting as its stigma; center post adorned with scrolling elements, acanthus leaves and swags of flowers; and a silvered-bronze, winged cherub of Bacchus flying among the vines. An exceptional example of French bronze work and of the opulence of the period.
- Herringbone floors and ceiling beams were stripped and refinished to a dark espresso stain
- Two window benches were added to create tasting alcoves for guests
- An antique grandfather clock acquired by the Jordans in the 1970s was moved from a guest suite to anchor the Library's northwest corner
- Founder Sally Jordan's Louis XV chairs were painted by Willem Racké Studio and reupholstered in Panier de Fleurs Indigo by [Le Gracieux](#)

- Beatrice side tables by [Burke Décor](#)
- Decorative objects sourced from Etsy and eBay by Lisa Mattson, including French antique ewers, serving trays, jardinières, statuettes and bookends
- The vestibule leading to the Library was remodeled down to the studs and features walls lime-painted by Willem Racké Studio in Benjamin Moore Floral White; a wrought-iron, open staircase by metalsmith [Lowell Chaput](#) of Sonoma County; Campania International pedestal urns for plants; and custom bronze Rococo-style chandeliers and matching sconces with lead crystal *pendalognes*
- A rare tapestry sourced in the 1970s from the Gobelins Manufactory, the renowned tapestry maker in Paris, was relocated from a guest suite to the vestibule
- Paint, fabrics, lighting, rug, tasting table and natural stone surfaces for both the Library and vestibule selected by interior designer Susan Schippmann
- Construction managed by Tim Spence of Jordan Winery

Cellar Room

Founder Tom Jordan's personal wine cellar was converted into a tasting space in 2008. Its 2020 remodel transformed the secluded room into a French-inspired wine cellar that showcases some of Jordan's oldest vintages, as well as prized antiques, around a central table with seating for 12. Remodel highlights include:

- A [Cellarium](#) "Chateau" cellar custom-made in Pennsylvania, which holds 880 bottles of wine
- Custom trestle-style French farmhouse table made of Alder wood by [Urban Wood Phoenix](#) of Arizona found on Etsy
- Custom western cedar wine glass shelves above wet bar by [Wood Décor & Designs](#) of Texas found on Etsy
- 19th-century French gothic iron chandeliers with Fleur de Lis crowns, sourced from [Fireside Antiques](#) of Louisiana via [1stdibs](#)
- 19th-century French press found on Chairish; French wine stave ewers sourced from eBay and Etsy
- French dough box buffet in the Directoire style (more than 200 years old) sourced from [Inessa Stewart's](#) Antiques of Louisiana
- Antique winemaking tools displayed as wall art, mostly collected by the Jordans with additional pieces acquired by Lisa Mattson
- A copper tray for a floral centerpiece custom-made by [Copper Sensations](#) of New York
- Louis XIII nail-head chairs by [Dennis & Leen](#) upholstered in [Majilite](#) Satchel Black Emerald
- French carved wall art sourced by Mrs. Jordan for the original chateau construction, depicting the scenes of harvest
- Wet bar from 2008 remodel, dismantled and original base cabinetry distressed and stained by Willem Racké Studio of San Francisco
- Antique mirror reclaimed from first Cellar Room remodel in 2008 and reframed
- Plastered walls painted with Benjamin Moore Meadow Mist
- Chairs by Susan Schippmann; design and décor by Lisa Mattson
- Construction managed by Tim Spence of Jordan Winery

Experiences:

Library Tastings are hosted twice a day in the Library and its hidden Cellar Room. The Library is also used for culinary event receptions and Jordan Estate Rewards members experiences. Learn more at www.jordanwinery.com/experiences/sonoma-wine-tasting.

About Jordan Winery:

Founded in 1972, Jordan Vineyard & Winery was inspired by the great wine estates of France and the timeless connection between food, wine and hospitality. Under the guidance of second-generation vintner John Jordan, Jordan Estate is an extension of these traditions, with its iconic French chateau, breathtaking views, sustainably farmed vineyards, natural habitat for wildlife and gardens for the chef's inventive cuisine, offering a distinctive sense of place in Sonoma County wine country. Learn more at www.jordanwinery.com.

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