



WINE COUNTRY NEWS

Dishes at Ashes & Diamonds



For her new lifestyle lab in St. Helena, Ann Backen, owner and lead designer of NO|MA House Café & Collective, wanted to emulate memories garnered while living in New York and staying at boutique hotels conceived by one of her favorite hoteliers, Ian Schrager. "Many of the hotels in the Morgans Hotel Group have since closed but are certainly not forgotten in my heart and memory," Backen explains. "There is a nod to both Schrager and Philippe Starck, seen by our oversized Corten steel planters with antique olive trees, our giant green-andcream squares painted on the main floor, an oversized shade structure and our large green living wall." The cafè-cumboutique features a well-edited collection of antique and new garden decor, light fixtures and home goods including handcrafted Chilean textiles and ceramic ${\bf wares.}\ no mahous ecafe and collective. com$

journey in a midcenturyinspired setting, book the Vintage Experience at Ashes & Diamonds Winery, a Napa Valley vineyard owned by Kashy Khaledi. The three-hour immersive experience featuring select wines by winemakers Steve Matthiasson and Diana Snowden Seysses and a fivecourse meal from in-house executive chef Ethan Speizer is a twist on a quintessential steakhouse meal with locally sourced ingredients. Menu items such as roast asparagus with koji hollandaise and lemon and frilled Flannery beef with fresh horseradish, peppercorn sauce and crème caramel are artfully paired with rotating single-vineyard

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The Annex at Ashes & Diamonds Winery

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Jump For JORDAN

Following a seven-year enhancement plan spearheaded by owner John Jordan, the 1,200-acre Jordan Vineyard & Winery now features a reimagined lawn by notable landscape designer Christian Douglas and an expanded lobby and reception area designed by Maria Haidamus. Appointed with a Ponte Vecchio-honed marble reception desk, the glamorous chateau lobby is fashioned with antiquities such as French lithographs, a custom Louis XVI-inspired walnut console and elaborate papier-mâché, steel and hand-blown glass chandeliers. "Custom wall panels adorned in robin's egg blue and distressed gold trim create a sumptuous atmosphere upon arrival, while the use of the finest materials like handcrafted wood flooring arranged in a striking chevron pattern unifies the separate areas," explains Haidamus, who previously revamped the winery's on-site Chateau guest suites. "The fusion of luxurious materials, timeless antique pieces and carefully selected works of art creates a space that transports visitors to a world of elegance and sophistication." jordanwinery.com

