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## Raymond Vineyards

May 26, 2011

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Looking for something a little different? Raymond Vineyards fits the bill and then some.

Interested in organic and biodynamic farming? They've got that. Want to meet a weed-eating sheep named Woolly Wonka? Check. Meanwhile, if you want to indulge your inner hedonist there's the Crystal Cellar, which has the usual tanks, etc., you'd find at any winery juxtaposed with some most unusual accoutrements including artful lighting, a fabulous chandelier and Baccarat crystal.

The changes come at the direction of proprietor Jean-Charles Boisset of Boisset Family Estates, which bought the property in 2009. Among his many innovations are the frames strung up on the winery grounds that make a fun frame for snapshots.

Wines are well-made and well-priced, starting at about \$13 and going up to \$85 for the flagship cabernet sauvignon. There's also an interesting barrel-to-barrel program featuring 10- and 3-liter bags that fit into a stylish

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wooden barrel equipped with a tap for dispensing.

In a nod to the legacy of the founding Raymond family, the winery has started a club for anyone with "Raymond" as a first, middle or last name. Membership is free and comes with such perks as complimentary tastings for life.



Crystal cellar at Raymond Vineyards /Michelle Locke

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Address: 849 Zinfandel Lane,  
St. Helena, CA

Phone: 707-963-3141

Website:

[www.raymondvineyards.com](http://www.raymondvineyards.com)

Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily

Cost: Tasting fees start at \$15

Don't miss: Taking pictures  
through the frames hanging  
outside

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