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The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco Launches Lobby Tasting Lounge

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Recently completing its multi-phase transformative renovation in March 2015, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco has joined forces with legendary winemaker Jean-Charles Boisset to unveil a new luxury tasting lounge in the hotel lobby.

The JCB Tasting Lounge, which is now open to the public, not only offers wine tastings and lite fare – perfect for private dinners, breakout sessions, charity receptions, intimate gatherings, and more – but the sophisticated space also houses a retail boutique. Combining two luxury icons – The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco and Jean-Charles Boisset – this ultra-chic tasting lounge creates an unparalleled wine experience.

Complementing the hotel's fresh and modern transformation inspired by the Bay Area and couture fashion, The JCB Tasting Lounge offers rare and exclusive wines in an intimate setting that exudes vibrancy and opulence. The interiors and design, along with Jean-Charles Boisset's own line of custom accessories create a lavish ambiance for the wine connoisseur.

The retail boutique at The JCB Tasting Lounge, designed by Jean-Charles Boisset and Joshua Rowland Interiors, Inc., adds an additional level of flair to match the wine tasting experience and the JCB wine collection. A selection of gifts ranging from JCB-branded items such as custom-designed jewelry, candles, wine accessories and perfumes, to select merchandise from Baccarat, Christofle, Bernardaud, and Goyard are available for purchase.



The JCB Tasting Lounge offers exclusive wine tasting flights, ranging from \$50 to \$100 per person, and includes some of the most decadent, exquisite, limited wines within the Boisset Collection. Guests are invited to enjoy the tasting flights with specially curated food options from Chef de Cuisine Michael Rotondo of the hotel's award-winning Parallel 37. From Crispy Liberty Farm Duck Fritter with Kumquat Relish and Flank Steak Steam Bun with Horseradish and Date Jam on the 'Savory Flight' to Nectarine and White Chocolate Bon Bons with Apricot and Chamomile, and Blueberry Pate de Fruit with Dark Chocolate Ganache on the 'Dessert Flight,' guests can indulge in these exquisite offerings – perfectly complementing the rare wines. The 'Savory Flight' costs \$38 per person and the 'Dessert Flight' costs \$28 per person. Additional lite fare includes an Artisanal Cheese Plate with Grilled Sour Dough and Accoutrements for \$28, Caramelized Fig and Serrano Ham Flat Bread for \$21, and 10 oz. White Sturgeon Caviar with Lobster Essence for \$115.

The JCB Tasting Lounge also offers guests at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco an exclusive private event space for up to 14 guests that is luxuriously appointed with an eight-person sit down table, four-person bar, and two-banquets. The Tasting Lounge is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 1 (415) 296-2329 or visit www.boissetcollection.com, www.jcbwine.com or www.ritzcarlton.com/sanfrancisco.