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## Dishwasher-safe wine glasses, augmented reality labels and a new San Francisco wine lounge

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Puttin' on the ritz: Now that the holiday season is here, there's no sparklier time to check out the new JCB Tasting Lounge, tucked inside San Francisco's Ritz-Carlton hotel. You don't have to drive to the Wine Country to experience Jean-Charles Boisset's extravagant hospitality or sip a flute of JCB bubbly. From the leopard-print rug to the gilded mirrors, burgundy velvet drapes, Baccarat crystal and wine-colored mirrored bar, the JCB Tasting Lounge is over the top. But when it comes to wine, the reds, whites and bubbles are completely serious, albeit pricey. Tasting flights (\$50-\$100) are paired with bites created by the Ritz-Carlton's executive chef Michael Rotondo. Open daily; [www.jcbwines.com](http://www.jcbwines.com).