

Wine tasting room, restaurant to open in Happy Valley

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Willamette Valley Vineyards seeks to bring inspiration from South Salem to Crossroads space.



COURTESY RENDERING: SCOTT EDWARDS ARCHITECTURE - Happy Valley Crossroads' new tasting room and restaurant features an outdoor firepit carved into a granite boulder.

Scott Edwards is serving as architect for the vineyard's expansion into Happy Valley, drawing design inspiration from South Salem's materials, processes and people.

"With the support of our stockholders, we are taking the Oregon wine story on the road to new locations," said Jim Bernau, Willamette Valley Vineyards founder and CEO. "Wine enthusiasts are looking forward to tasting Oregon wine paired with Willamette cuisine in Happy Valley."



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Located at the Happy Valley Crossroads, the new Tasting Room & Restaurant will feature a bottle shop at the entrance, a dining room, a porch, a wine cave and an outdoor patio. Each of these spaces is organized around what the architects refer to as "the heart," a central principle of the design that contains the back bar.

Made from touchstone Willamette materials, including walnut and matte black leathered granite, the bar influences design for the other portions of the restaurant.

Two of the three fire features, one indoor and one outdoor, are firepits carved into granite boulders. Three "barrel booths" will surround the indoor fire feature, offering guests a unique dining experience.