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SIPPING WINE IN A FORMER SERVICE STATION



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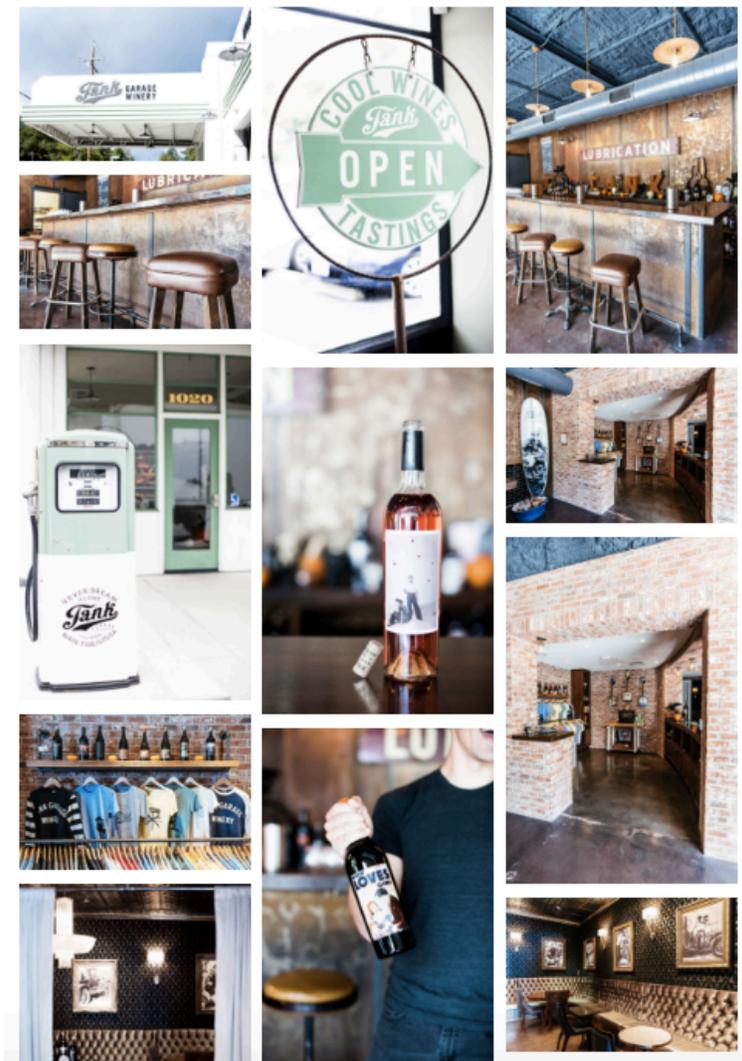
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One of the greatest perks of life in the Bay Area is how close Wine Country is. Our new favorite place to sip? [Tank Garage Winery](#), located in a former 1930s service station just at the edge of the main strip of Calistoga. Tank was founded by two wine-loving friends, James Harder of James Cole Winery and Jim Regusci of Regusci Winery.

While the service station had a few owners in its lifetime, the team behind Tank credits its soul to a man named Eddie Bratton, who ran the garage for most of its life. “Eddie was a retired Indian Motorcycle racer, a daredevil and a hell of a mechanic,” says Ed Feuchuk, showing us around the tasting room. “When we got the place, it wasn’t in great shape and our goal was to restore some of Eddie’s spirit and really draw on vintage California culture to create an inviting space for like-minded dreamers.” The result was a tasting bar that feels nothing like the traditional Napa Valley wineries. Tank’s founders brought back the original art deco exterior, but definitely added some unique changes to the interior. The main tasting room boasts a long bar but also a custom surfboard, a pinball machine, original neon signage and even Eddie’s beloved ’47 Indian Chief motorcycle. During our visit, there were additional pinball machines to

celebrate Tank's Wine Club Release, which meant the wine club's secret speakeasy room was also open to the public. (Did you know some wine production continued during the prohibition?)

Tank's wines are just as unique as the space. Specializing in limited production blends that are made just once, Ed warns, "if you like that Tempranillo blend you had in our tasting room, you better get it now, because there won't be another vintage like it next year or ever." Each blend gets a unique label, often designed by artists Tank's staff admires. But don't worry, due to demand, Tank has recently added a small collection of production wines that are available in restaurants, wine shops, and online. After all, says Ed, "Our wines are meant to be shared and celebrated with friends, family and people who share our mindset. That's why our motto is to *Never Dream Alone*." Plus, for the month of October, Tank Garage Winery is donating \$1 from every bottle of their [Stars Like Ours Rosé](#) to Breast Cancer Research. We'll raise a glass to that.



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