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Tsujimoto's cup runneth over



Kenzo Estate owner Kenzo Tsujimoto (left) revels in the ambience with Harlan Estate's Debbie and Bill Harlan.

Big to-do last week in Napa, where Capcom video game mogul **Kenzo Tsujimoto** hosted a swell soiree at his brand-sparkling-new \$100 million, 4,000-acre **Howard Backen**-designed winery atop Mount George.

The snazzy Kenzo Estate, 20 years in the planning, includes wine caves, a hospitality center starring a **Thomas Keller** tasting-room menu, and 100 acres of vineyards where 400 guests at the **Dominic Phillips**-designed party enjoyed Tsujimoto wine tastings and Keller-created tidbits.

One guest was so taken with the setting and the summer heat, a spy tells us, that she stripped to the bikini she'd worn under her dress and dove into Tsujimoto's pool.

Tsujimoto introduced his winery's dream team, which includes other local legends: viticulturist **David Abreu**, who manages the vineyards; and consulting winemaker **Heidi Barrett**, who's so in demand she's obtaining her helicopter pilot's license to assist in her jaunts between Screaming Eagle and Barbour vineyards.

Tsujimoto reportedly told the crowd that Abreu advised, "If you want to make great wine, you have to taste great wine." To that end, Tsujimoto spent numerous nights with friends at his pied-a-terre in Kobe, Japan, sampling sips from his 10K-bottle cellar.

"After years of tasting," toasted Tsujimoto, "I decided the best wines are in Napa."