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There is no recession at Kenzo Estate, a new, luxe, Napa Valley winery which opened in May. Owned by Japanese video-game titan Kenzo Tsujimoto, who spent $100 million on the project, the Mount George operation features: a state-of-the-art winery, replete with two fermentation rooms, one for stainless steel tanks, the other for concrete vats; a 20,000-square-foot underground aging cellar; 4,000 acres of land, 70 of which are presently planted in vines; and three mega-star consultants, David Abreu for viticulture, Heidi Barrett for winemaking and Thomas Keller for tasting room snacks. As one might expect, Kenzo's wines will be at the upper end of the price spectrum, with the lead dog, a Cabernet-based blend called "Rindo," slated to sell for $75 a bottle.