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MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Not since Angelina stole Brad has a celebrity pairing been this much fun. This time, the headline-making duo is Japanese video game tycoon Kenzo Tsujimoto and Thomas Keller of the French Laundry. Kenzo Estate, the \$100 million Napa winery recently opened by Tsujimoto, features an over-the-top \$60 lunch, with a tasting menu designed by Keller. The menu offers such delicacies as salmon rillettes and beef brisket on a pretzel brioche to pair with velvety reds by cult winemaker Heidi Barrett.

The pairings aren't the only thing that's magical. The estate, designed by Howard Backen, with landscape architecture by Tokyo master Aki Shimoda, evokes the sort of fantasy landscape one might see in a Miyazaki film. Schedule a visit, and pass through the silent gates into a wine lover's paradise, with 70-plus acres of grape vines—planted by grower-to-the-stars David Abreu—strung across the bowl of a high-altitude suspended valley. Rumor has it that this celeb partnership has wings: Keller will open a Bouchon restaurant in Tokyo, and Tsujimoto is apparently a backer of Bouchon in Beverly Hills. We're for any deal this delicious.

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