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Napa Valley's Bouchaine Vineyards wine to be served at London party honoring King Charles III



A Napa Valley winery is “honored” that its wines will be served at a London birthday celebration for King Charles III next week.

Bouchaine Vineyards, nestled in the Carneros AVA, has been invited to pour several of its wines Nov. 14 at Claridge’s Hotel during the launch of the book “King Charles III: The Leadership and Vision of a Modern Monarch,” hosted by the official royal publisher, St. James’s House.

The event, which coincides with the king’s 75th birthday, is part of the country’s ongoing celebrations honoring his highness.

Tatiana Copeland, chairman and owner of Bouchaine, and winery president and winemaker Chris Kajani will be on hand for the festivities, in which royal author Robert Jobson and royal photographer Arthur Edwards will sign copies of the book and hold a Q&A with the invite-only guests. The king is not scheduled to appear.

The wines to be poured at the event include the 2020 Bouchaine Estate Chardonnay, 2021 Bouchaine Estate Calera Clone Pinot Noir, 2021 Bouchaine Estate riesling, 2021 Bouchaine Estate Mt. Eden Clone Pinot Noir, and the newly released 2021 Bouchaine Estate Syrah.

“I have had a relationship with the royal publisher, St. James’s House, going back a decade or so,” Copeland said in an email Thursday. “California wines have really a wonderful reputation, but because of the long distance involved, its often French and Italian wines that are poured at these occasions so it a special treat to have wine from Napa at a celebration in London.”

Copeland has a longtime relationship with the royal family. She developed a “cordial” friendship with the king’s aunt, Princess Margaret, during the 1980s on the Caribbean island of Mustique, where Copeland and the princess vacationed at the same time every year. She’s met the king when he was Prince of Wales through charitable work with the World Wildlife Foundation.

“King Charles has long held a strong commitment to environmental issues. We share a deep concern about the impact of climate change, and crossed paths several times through our mutual work,” Copeland said. “We were very honored to be invited to have cocktails with him at his home in Highgrove. It was quite a memorable evening.”

Copeland also met Princess Diana in the 1990s through work with the Red Cross, “to ease the horrible damage caused by the use of land mines in Africa,” she said.

Bouchaine Vineyards wines were previously poured for the family during Queen Elizabeth II’s Jubilee in 2022.

“I feel very honored. What could be more exciting than to be part of such a memorable day as the King’s 75th birthday?” Copeland said.

Originally planted in the late 1880s, Bouchaine Vineyards is said to be the [oldest continuously operating winery](#) in the Carneros region.