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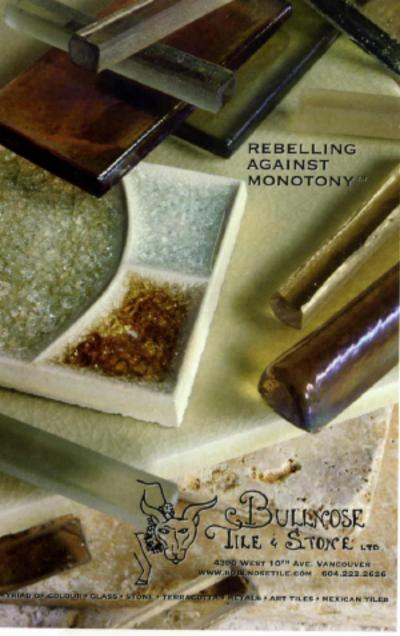
Oliver and Osoyoos

Stay and Sip Oliver is the self-proclaimed Wine Capital of Canada, and with the multimillion-dollar, Bellstar-backed Oliver Wine Village coming in the next few years, it may just live up to its hype.

But in the here and now, Le Vieux Pin winery and resort is making waves. Tastings are by appointment only and small batches keep quality sky-high. From the full-disclosure labelling on each bettle, organic and sustainable management of the vines and exclusive accommodations planned for this and the two other upcoming boutique wineries (Lastella and Selóna), winemaker Daniel Bontorin and his business partners display a contagiously idealistic commitment to becoming world class.

Stay and Eat Passatempe at Spirit Ridge in Osoyoos has become the place to dine for Brad Lazarenko's contemporary bistro fare and the wine bar's hip, modern vibe. The new Sonora Desert Spa isone more reason to make this your base.

Just up the road, chef Bernard Casawant relocated from Whistler to run the Sonora Room at Burrowing Owl, also home to a new guesthouse that oozes wine-country luxe. The 10 rooms have decks overlooking vineyards and a 25-metre outdoor pool; the Meritage Suite has a gourmet kitchen and its own private elevator and sundecks. Nearby Hester Creek winery will also open guest suites at the Villa at Hester Creek this fall, wi





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