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### Aperture Cellars

Healdsburg, California

Signum Architecture partner Juan Carlos Fernandez first met winemaker Jesse Katz pouring bottles at an art gallery showcasing his father Andy Katz's photography. So when tasked with building the family's first collaborative project, Aperture Cellars in the Sonoma Valley, Fernandez's thoughts transcended design. "Rather than just creating a new winery, my intent was to give voice to the groundbreaking vision of both men through the architecture," says Fernandez, who worked with H. Palmer Design for the interiors. Sheathed in a darkened metal mimicking the patina of Corten steel, the 20,000-square-foot production winery on the Healdsburg site is composed of deconstructed geometric forms that are reassembled into a series of connected structures with seemingly moving rooflines of various angles. Close by is the hospitality building, intentionally designed to frame views of the landscape. Inside, a mammoth oculus is flanked by glass-walled tasting rooms, where prints of Andy's work stand out against the white walls.

Architecture Firm **Signum Architecture, St. Helena, California** Interior Design Firm **H. Palmer Design, San Francisco** Owner **Jesse Katz**



**"Beautifully done. Everything is tied together perfectly"**

—HD Awards judges

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