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### 8 Quintessa Winery and Visitor Center, Napa Valley

Architect: Walker Warner Architects

Excellence in Design Merit Award / Architecture

This crescent-shaped winery fits snugly into the landscape and makes a natural amphitheater for wine-making. Trucks swoop up the driveway, their cargo of grapes is crushed on the roof terrace and gravity-fed through roof hatches into steel fermentation tanks below. Bottled wines are then transferred into caves dug into the hillside. Stone, steel and concrete reappear in the visitor center above that houses a wine-tasting room and offices. The jury commended the dramatic gesture of the building, as well as the modern structure's ability to depict the ancient story of winemaking.

**Quintessa Winery and Visitor Center, Napa Valley. Architect:** Walker Warner Architects **Design Team:** Greg Warner (principal in charge), Brooks Walker, (principal), Kevin Killen (project manager), Pete Albertson (job captain) **Project Team:** Mike Boes, Sandrine Carmantrand, David Shutt **Engineering Teams:** ZFA Structural Engineers (structural) Larkin & Associates Inc. (mechanical), Hansen & Slaughter Inc. (electrical) **Builder:** Cello & Maudru Construction **Landscape Architect:** Lutsko Associates (landscape), Ron Lutsko **Lighting Consultant:** Eric Johnson **Lighting Design:** Eric Johnson **Photographer:** Richard Barnes

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