



PARTY HOST

Editor Pick

→ We're longtime fans of **Brendan Eliason**, the talented wine director at Va de Vi in Walnut Creek. At his urban winery, Periscope Cellars in Emeryville, Eliason makes awesome wines—and throws killer parties—in a former submarine-repair warehouse.

What kind of events have you been hosting at Periscope Cellars?

Everything from stand-up comedy to live jazz to movie nights—we've shown submarine movies and Barbra Streisand movies. One cool event was a fundraiser for Project Farasha, an arts program between American kids and Iraqi refugee kids who are living in Jordan. We had a signed Picasso on the wall that sold for \$25,000.

You have a full kitchen right here.

That's because the first season of Bravo's *Top Chef* was filmed here. They called it San Francisco in the show, but it was really here.

How do you split your time between making wine and working at Va de Vi?

It's about 20 hours a week at Va de Vi and 80 hours a week here.

Any other Periscope events we should know about?

Our wine and yoga class, which we typically have once a month. This great yogi/wine geek comes in and gives a four-part lesson, in which you use the yoga to better appreciate the wine by helping your breathing, smelling, and taste.

Free happy hour every Wednesday 5–7 p.m., 1410 62nd St., Ste. B, Emeryville, (510) 655-7827, www.periscopecellars.com. —P.C.