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**The Donum Estate welcomes visitors to experience David Thulstrup's transformed Donum Home, complete with newly commissioned artworks and rehang of The Donum Collection**



*Another 30 Years by Tracey Emin - The Donum Estate & David Thulstrup by Eric Petschek*

SONOMA, California (May 27, 2021): The Donum Estate, one of the leading California Pinot Noir producers located in the acclaimed Sonoma County wine region and home to a monumental sculpture collection, is delighted to unveil the new design of Donum Home. Over the last five months, award-winning Danish architect David Thulstrup has reconfigured the space for wine tasting, dining, and entertainment.

Originally built in 2017 Donum Home was designed by Matt Hollis of MH Architects to provide a setting for guests to appreciate the layers and complexity of Donum wine amid an exquisite natural setting. To commemorate Donum Estate's 20th Anniversary, Thulstrup has reimagined Donum Home by drawing on the outstanding Californian landscapes and his Scandinavian heritage. Through simple and calm architectural interventions, he pays homage to Californian authenticity by using local materials. Three tasting rooms have been added to make a total of five that look out towards the rolling hills of southern Sonoma nestled beneath the waters of San Pablo Bay. In addition to the architectural transformation, a range of custom furniture pieces have been crafted creating cohesiveness between the objects and the space. The outcome: an atmosphere that is refined, yet relaxed.

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*“David has created a beautiful space and experience for our community. The merging of these design principles with the local landscape and materials has made a stunning space—an environment where one can enjoy our wines and collection while fully appreciating the land where we are so privileged to sit. The construction gave us the chance to reflect and rehang part of The Donum Collection and introduce new works. We love our new additions, including Jeppe Hein’s glass mirror balloons that hang from the ceiling. The piece moves subtly with the wind and refracts and multiplies the sunlight. The new works, furniture and redesign are the perfect way to mark this moment celebrating our 20-year anniversary,”* said Mei and Allan Warburg, Owners of The Donum Estate.

*I feel honored to have been commissioned to reconfigure Donum Home into a welcoming space for its members and guests. All architectural interventions celebrate calmness and wellbeing through the use of local materials. Being Scandinavian, I naturally cherish light, and how it changes throughout the course of a day—an element that I have also put focus on for the interior of Donum Home after falling in love with it during my first visit. The outcome is an honest, simple and not over-designed place that reflects its surroundings, while also paying an ode to my Scandinavian roots without any Nordic clichés. The crossover between hospitality and creating a sense of home is further highlighted by custom furniture pieces that I have introduced: a stone table made from California granite, a wood table crafted from American walnut, rattan screens that play with light as well as a bespoke vase by Danish glass artist Lene Bødker. The Donum Estate is a truly special place, and I can highly recommend visiting the beautiful art collection from over twenty countries in its extraordinary setting while enjoying a glass of wine.* Commented David Thulstrup.

The 200-acre Estate is home to over 50 major works from artists from across the globe. The new design commission for Donum Home marks a continued commitment to Donum’s philosophy of bringing together fine wine, sustainable farming, and world-class art, design, and architecture. Donum Home houses part of The Donum Collection, including artworks from Yue Minjun (China, 1962) and Liu Xiaodong (China, 1963) that have been be rehung alongside new commissions and acquisitions. *Another 30 Years*, a newly acquired painting by Tracey Emin (UK, 1963) will join her neon, *Surrounded by You*. Specifically commissioned for the new Donum Home is also a hand-blown glass vase by sculptor Lene Bødker (Denmark, 1958). Jeppe Hein (Denmark, 1974) also crafted three site-specific mirror balloon works for the Great Room.

*“I was inspired by the Donum landscape, its in-situ sculptures, and distinct buildings. I wanted to create a piece of art that picked up on the predominant colors of the winery. At Donum Home, visitors may notice the three balloons dangling from the ceiling, as though lost from a child’s hand. Look up and smile! Pause for a moment and enjoy this unexpected encounter. Their mirrored surfaces reflect the surroundings and you at the same time, so you become a part of the artwork,”* said Hein.

To coincide with the opening of Donum Home, Donum has released its inaugural 2016 Donum Blanc de Blancs. Featured on the label is Subodh Gupta’s (Indian, 1964) *People Tree*, a 10-meter-high stainless-steel banyan tree using utensils as leaves. This striking sculpture is located high on a hill on The Donum Estate property with stunning views of the Carneros ranch.

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*“My sculptures at Donum both reflect and witness the ever-changing surroundings of the Estate. To take the People Tree as an emblem for the wine bottle is a beautiful privilege. Like a Vedic ambrosia: a drink favored by the gods that gave them the gift of immortality, the tree is a symbol of life. said Gupta.*

*“The reimagined Donum Home crowns our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and we’re thrilled to invite our loyal Donum members and guests to explore this new space. Our guest experience offers an escape from the everyday with a variety of intimate wine tastings complemented by the opportunity to explore the evolving Donum Collection of art. We remain committed to producing the finest Pinot Noir in California and our new Donum Home is the ideal setting to welcome guests as they discover all that our Estate and community have to offer,” said Angelica de Vere Mabray, Donum Chief Executive Officer.*

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## The Donum Collection

Founded in 2011, The Donum Collection is one of the largest accessible private sculpture collections in the world. More than 50 monumental works, including open-air sculptures, are placed on The Donum Estate, a leader in single-vineyard, single-appellation Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Sonoma in Northern California. Dotted throughout the landscape, each piece plays with scale, nature, and imagination. This evolving collection brings together a global community of artists, including works from leading practitioners from 18 nations, across six continents including Ai Weiwei, Ghada Amer, Doug Aitken, Lynda Benglis, Louise Bourgeois, Keith Haring and Subodh Gupta. Donum brings to life a delicate balance among wine, land and art that has made it an international destination.

Learn more at <https://www.thedonumestate.com/art>

## The Donum Estate

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, Donum’s terroir-driven wines reflect the energy and complexity of some of most celebrated regions in Northern California including the Russian River Valley, Carneros and Anderson Valley. Founded in 2001, the Donum Estate is located in the acclaimed wine region Carneros nestled between Napa and Sonoma Counties. Donum includes a state-of-the-art winemaking facility, an organic farm, contemporary hospitality experience and one of the largest accessible private sculpture collections in the world. Donum brings to life a delicate balance among wine, land and art that has made it an international destination. For the past two decades, sustainability has been at the forefront of the Donum Estate vision—Donum, in fact, is Latin for Gift of the land. Its biodynamic and organic farming practices create environments in which the vines can thrive and produce the highest-quality fruit as possible. Learn more at <https://www.thedonumestate.com>

For details about the artists mentioned in this press release, please refer to our [website](#).

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## **About David Thulstrup**

David Thulstrup is an award-winning architect and designer whose refined and holistic approach to architecture, interiors and product design combines his Scandinavian heritage with a modern design language. As the founder and creative director of Studio David Thulstrup, David has completed an extensive portfolio worldwide ranging from residential architecture to restaurants, retail, hotels, furniture and lighting. His interior of Noma restaurant in Copenhagen, as well as winning multiple awards, set a design benchmark, melding elegant craft and comfort with a strong sense of place, or *stedsans* as it is expressed in Danish. David's practice is grounded upon enduring Scandinavian values of honesty and humanism with a particular emphasis on materiality. A central tenet is a concern for how people feel. By taking a holistic approach to each aspect of a project David creates spaces where people are comfortable and embraced by their surroundings. Pivotal to this, is a deep understanding of how a space will be used or lived in. Designing that space from the inside out, David considers light, color, form and materials as architectural elements. Describing his style as 'modern simplicity', David creates paired-back designs that feel current but will stand the test of time. This requires meticulous attention to detail, curiosity and ambition. Using diverse materials in an honest and thoughtful way is central as is functionality and tactility. To achieve a harmonious interplay between the architecture and the elements within, he often creates custom furniture and lighting. David holds a Masters in Interior Architecture from the Danish Design School and is an Architect MAA and member of the Danish Association of Architects. Before founding the studio in 2009, David worked on residential, commercial and institutional projects for Jean Nouvel in Paris and on luxury retail projects for Peter Marino in New York. Today he works with a culturally diverse team of architects, interior designers, product designers and material experts, in a naturally-lit industrial space in Copenhagen.

## **About MH Architects**

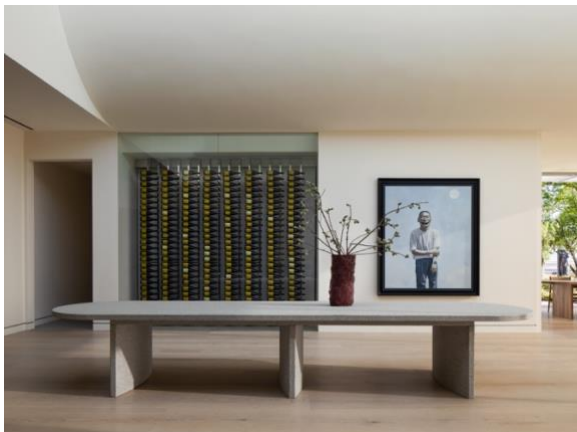
MH Architects is a multi-faceted architecture firm based in San Francisco. Principal Matt Hollis has been in practice since 2006 and has a range of technical experience in residential, winery, hotel, office, and institutional programs. In addition to projects sited in California, the firm has designed buildings in Japan, China, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Hawaii. In both residential and commercial projects, MH Architects works closely with clients to help create the optimal building for their specific program requirements and aesthetic goals. These goals are achieved with a high level of sensitivity to sustainable practices and systems. Materials, products, and component assemblies are all assessed for their relative merit. Program requirements and sustainable approaches are distilled to form a cohesive aesthetic in built form. Please contact [matt@matthollis.com](mailto:matt@matthollis.com) or call +1 415.977.0194 x101 for more information.

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Zhan Wang, Artificial Rock No. 126, 2007–13

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Inaugural Blanc de Blancs to Commemorate 20th Anniversary. Featuring Subodh Gupta art label



Subodh Gupta, People Tree, 2017