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# DRINK



tour a few  
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distilleries





# LIKE A LOCAL

When it comes to alcohol, Reno is perhaps known best for its vibrant and flourishing craft beer scene. If you prefer spirits to suds or cocktails to cans, rest assured that the region also has a growing number of independent distilleries waiting to take you on tasting and touring adventures. Find your new favorite rum, whiskey, vodka, or gin at distilleries like Seven Troughs, Branded Hearts, and Frey Ranch, and wonder why it took you so long to discover these hidden gems.

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Seven Troughs Distilling Co. is located at 1155 Watson Way, Suite 5, in Sparks, and is open to the public for tastings and tours Thursdays and Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday through Wednesday by appointment.

## Seven Troughs Distilling Co.

If you want to drink like a born-and-bred Nevadan, look no further than Seven Troughs Distilling Co. Its products and processes serve as a love letter to the Battle Born State, with no shortage of historical connections or unique backstories to be told. The doors to the craft distillery first opened in November 2013, and the high-quality spirits produced with local ingredients have been flowing ever since.

Seven Troughs is truly dedicated to the art of distillation, as batches of rum, vodka, gin, bourbon, and moonshine come to life using techniques dating back to the mid-19th century. By crafting everything in small batches – some yielding as few as 12 gallons at a time – owner Tom Adams can guarantee every bottle leaving his facility meets the high standards of Seven Troughs. No matter which spirit you choose to imbibe, you will feel more like a local with every sip.

The Black Rock Rum is said to be born on the playa made famous by Burning Man. A portion of proceeds from every bottle sold of the Reno Rodeo Legacy Vodka is donated to help restore the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, home to numerous rodeo-related events every year. To travel back to 1862, sample Seven Trough's Old Commissary Whiskey, which is an authentic recreation of Nevada's first legal whiskey and features a label signed and numbered by hand.

It's not just the state's history that interests this distillery, but the future of Nevada and its craft alcohol scene as well. Collaboration abounds at Seven Troughs, most notably in its partnership with Great Basin Brewing Co. to produce Argentum Gin. A single malt gin flavored with juniper, hops, and citrus, this spirit earned a silver medal at the 2016 Seattle International Spirits Awards. Those with a sweet tooth can also try Seven Troughs' Black Rock Rum and Recession Proof Moonshine in chocolate form, as Gardnerville's Chocolate Shoppe whips up delicious truffles inspired by and including these spirits.

Tour and taste Seven Troughs at the distillery, or find the spirits in more than 20 bars and retail locations across Northern Nevada. Once you do, you'll be one step closer to becoming a true Nevadan.

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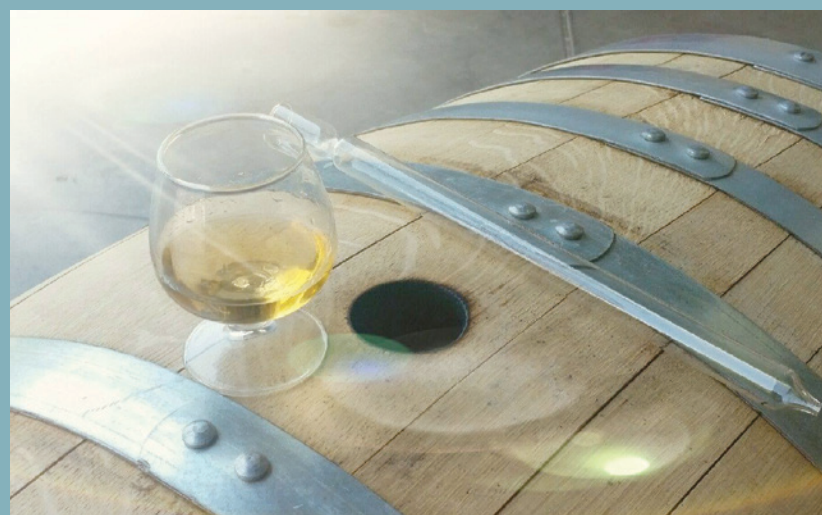


# SEVEN TROUGHS DISTILLING CO.





# BRANDED HEARTS DISTILLERY







## Branded Hearts Distillery

Founded by two former law enforcement partners in January 2014, Branded Hearts Distillery describes itself as an artisan distillery that crafts spirits in unique and innovating ways. Joshua Nichols and Ryan Cherrick prefer to take a truly hands-on approach and play a role in almost every part of production, from charring oak barrels themselves to printing their own bottle labels. The passion, dedication, and quality that goes into their products are evident, as Branded Hearts already can be purchased or poured at more than 20 stores and bars in the Reno-Tahoe region.

Alcohol enthusiasts looking to try something a little bit different won't want to pass up Branded Hearts' Oat'ed Bourbon Whiskey. It is quite rare to see oats used in bourbon production, but the duo finds the grain provides a softer mouth feel and one-of-a-kind complexity. The Dark Panela Rum is made with unrefined whole cane sugar – more commonly known as piloncillo in Mexico – whereas more traditional rums are often molasses-based. Yet another example of the company's experimentation with diverse ingredients is its Silver State Stinger spirit, produced using only local Nevada honey. These options are a small sampling of the concoctions being created by Nichols and Cherrick, as the prolific pair can also boast of wheat whiskeys, chocolate liqueurs, and more.

As for the name of the distillery, Branded Hearts takes its meaning from a symbolic portion of the distillation process. Nichols and Cherrick explain it best during a tour of their facility, but a simple version of the story is this: When raw spirits pass through charred, blackened wood, it is then that they are branded with their individual colors, flavors, and aromas. Much like the impression the wood leaves on the spirits, one sip and we're certain Branded Hearts will have left its lasting marks of creativity and craftsmanship on you.

Branded Hearts Distillery is located at 121 Woodland Avenue, Suite 160, in Reno, and is open to the public for tastings and tours Fridays from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Frey Ranch Estate Distillery

Located on a 1,200-acre plantation an hour east of Reno is Frey Ranch Estate Distillery, the first of its kind in the state of Nevada. The Freys – Colby and his wife, Ashley – grow all the grains needed to produce their high-quality spirits, and the harvesting, distilling, and bottling processes are each fully completed on estate grounds. Truly embodying its “ground to glass” motto since the doors opened in October 2014, this family-owned and operated establishment is well worth the drive to Fallon, Nevada.



The couple currently distills four spirits – vodka, gin, barrel-finished gin, and absinthe. While most vodka is produced with one variety of grain, the Frey Ranch version combines corn, rye, wheat, and barley to add complexity and creaminess. This recipe is a proven winner, as the spirit won gold medals in both the 2016 Tastings Spirits Review and 2016 Micro Liquor Spirit Awards. Frey Ranch Gin is equally impressive, as its unique blend of homegrown grains, juniper berries and sagebrush led it to win double gold at the 2016 San Francisco World Spirits Competition. As soon as 2018, the distillery will also introduce its own whiskey, which has been aging in oak casks on property since 2014.

Frey Ranch Estate Distillery is located at 1045 Dodge Lane in Fallon, Nevada, and is open to the public for tastings and tours every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

In addition to Frey Ranch, the family also operates Churchill Vineyards, found on the same plantation as the distillery. The wines, like the spirits, exemplify the family’s “ground to glass” belief, currently making Churchill Vineyards the only winery in Nevada to fully produce its white wines from start to finish. Take home a bottle of 2013 Riesling, 2012 Gewurztraminer, or 2012 Chardonnay-Semillon after an afternoon of sampling premium spirits, which are also available for purchase at the estate. As the Freys like to say, it will be first time any of the ingredients have ever left the estate. ■

# FREY RANCH ESTATE DISTILLERY





# WINTER

*Chilly days and snowy nights are no match for a region with so much to offer. Northern Nevada has many events for residents and visitors to enjoy throughout the winter, whether you prefer getting*

## NEVADA WOLF PACK BASKETBALL

Enjoy the thrill of college hoops live with the University of Nevada, Reno's Division I men's and women's basketball teams. Both teams play home games at the Lawlor Events Center throughout February and March, with the men taking on in-state rival UNLV on February 8 and the women facing Mountain West Conference opponents San Diego State on February 11. Visit [nevadawolfpack.com](http://nevadawolfpack.com) for the complete schedules.

## MARDI CRAWL

The Biggest Little City will feel more like The Big Easy on February 11, as the Mardi Gras-themed crawl takes over downtown Reno. Don your most festive costume to earn bead necklaces at more than 15 stops, and enjoy \$3 drink specials, photo booths, and Mardi Gras bowling along the way. Reserve your cup at [crawlreno.com](http://crawlreno.com).

## 2017 LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

Celebrate Chinese culture, customs, and history at the 2017 Lunar New Year Festival, hosted by the Chinese Association of Northern Nevada. Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy traditional food, professional lion and dragon dancing, kung-fu performances, and more on February 12. Visit [chinesenevada.org](http://chinesenevada.org) for details.

## WILD WINTER WEEKEND

Animal Ark wildlife sanctuary opens for one weekend only in February, offering guests the chance to watch bobcats, foxes, wolves, cougars, and other exotic animals frolic in the snow. Dress warmly and pack a camera for this winter wonderland adventure February 18-19. Reserve your spot at [animalark.org](http://animalark.org).

## RENO WINE WALK

On every third Saturday of the month, downtown Reno becomes a wine lover's paradise. Walk the streets of the Riverwalk District and sample wines from more than 20 locations, including salons, shops, restaurants, and bars, on February 18, March 18, and April 15. A portion of proceeds from every Reno Wine Walk will be donated to a different local charity. View a complete list of participating businesses at [renoriver.org](http://renoriver.org).

## NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Voted one of the 10 best transportation museums in the United States by *USA Today* readers, the National Automobile Museum is home to more than 200 full-size cars from decades as far back as the 1890s. Explore vehicles owned and driven by celebrities, or see private collections in person. The traveling exhibits are a must-see – "Rovers: Exploring the Moon, Mars and Beyond" is on display through February 21, and race cars are highlighted in "Speed!" through June 1. Visit [automuseum.org](http://automuseum.org) for more information.

*outside for a walk or run, watching a sporting event, or staying warm inside a museum or theater. Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events and plan to have a blast in the Reno-Sparks area.*

## DIRTY DANCING

Have the time of your life at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts when this iconic film comes to life on stage. With just five shows February 24-26, fans won't want to miss the classic story that features hit songs like "Hungry Eyes," "Hey Baby," "Do You Love Me?" and "(I've Had) The Time of My Life," all performed live. Purchase tickets at [pioneercenter.com](http://pioneercenter.com).

## CHRIS ROCK

Legendary comedian, actor, writer, producer, and director Chris Rock brings The Total Blackout Tour to Reno for one night only on February 24. Known for his roles on "Saturday Night Live" and "Everyone Hates Chris," in addition to movies like "Dogma," "Head of State," "I Think I Love My Wife," and "Grown Ups," the multiple Emmy and Grammy award-winning performer is certain to put on an incredible show. Visit [renoeventscenter.com](http://renoeventscenter.com) for tickets.

## A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

The time-tested, 2000-year-old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus combine with classic vaudeville theatrics in this Broadway favorite, which will be performed by the Carson Valley Community Theatre from March 10-26. Get ready to laugh as the plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slammed doors, and the appearance of showgirls. Buy tickets at [carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org](http://carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org).

## 26TH ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTER FRY

Have a ball (or two) this St. Patrick's Day and join thousands of costumed connoisseurs at the 26th Annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry in Virginia City on March 11. Multiple competitors will smoke, fry, or grill up tasty treats for the chance to take home first place in categories like best overall taste, most creative dish, and best dish presentation. Those without an appetite for the delicacy can partake in the main street parade or saloon crawl. Learn more at [visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com).

## LEPRECHAUN RACE

If you think you're faster than a leprechaun, prove it during the Leprechaun Race on March 12. Walkers and runners will get a generous head start on the 5K course before a speedy leprechaun enters the race, and everyone who crosses the finish line in front of the mischievous fairy will take home a special prize. For every racer passed, the leprechaun's pot of gold will grow in size and benefit the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum. Register for the fun run (and get costume inspiration) at [race178.com](http://race178.com).

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GEM FAIRE	One of the nation's largest gem, jewelry, and bead shows returns to Reno from March 17-19, bringing with it a jewelry shopping extravaganza. Fine jewelry, costume jewelry, precious and semi-precious gem stones, millions of beads and crystals, jeweler tools and supplies, and more await at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, along with hourly door prizes. Purchase tickets at <a href="http://gemfaire.com">gemfaire.com</a> .
NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OF UKRAINE	The National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine, considered one of the finest symphony orchestras in Eastern Europe, takes the stage in Reno for one night only on March 18. Presented by the Reno Chamber Orchestra, the performance will include the music of Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Mussorgsky, and Khachaturian. Learn more at <a href="http://renochamberorchestra.org">renochamberorchestra.org</a> .
ANOUSHKA SHANKAR	After making her professional debut on the Indian classical and progressive world music scenes at the age of 13, world-famous sitar player and composer Anoushka Shankar now brings her talents to Reno on March 30. See her perform at Nightingale Concert Hall on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, and get to know her body of work that includes collaborations with artists like Sting, M.I.A., Herbie Hancock, and Pepe Habichuela. Purchase tickets at <a href="http://unr.edu/pas">unr.edu/pas</a> .
WINTER-WONDERGRASS	Craft beer and bluegrass combine at WinterWonderGrass, a three-day festival that boasts of being the ultimate North Lake Tahoe gathering. More than 20 bands will perform on three stages March 31-April 2, and 16 breweries will pour for locals and travelers. WinterWonderGrass also emphasizes a commitment to sustainability, support of the arts, and local non-profits, making a fun-filled weekend even better. Purchase tickets at <a href="http://winterwondergrasstahoe.com">winterwondergrasstahoe.com</a> .
RENO UKULELE FESTIVAL	The Reno Ukulele Festival returns to the Biggest Little City for its ninth year April 6-9, uniting musicians, music lovers and hobbyists in their appreciation of the ukulele. This four-day event at the Nugget Casino Resort offers workshops, open-mic opportunities, and a large vendor marketplace, in addition to two evening concerts with renowned ukulele artists. Visit <a href="http://ukulele.cafe">ukulele.cafe</a> for tickets and more information.

## RENO ACES HOME GAMES

The Reno Aces, Triple-A affiliates of the Arizona Diamondbacks, return to Greater Nevada Field for the 2017 baseball season on April 11. A seven-game home stand kicks off with four games against the Albuquerque Isotopes and three against the El Paso Chihuahuas, followed by a stretch of road games before returning to Reno to take on the Fresno Grizzlies. See the complete schedule at [renoaces.com](http://renoaces.com).

## TOYTOPIA

Toytopia takes over the Wilber D. May Center inside Rancho San Rafael Park now through April 16, inviting fun-loving guests of all ages to journey through a 100-year history of classic toys, games, and more. Play with the most popular toys over the past decades, doodle on the world's largest Etch-A-Sketch, explore life-size doll houses and Monopoly boards, and make your own stop-motion movie at this exhibit, with admission starting at \$8. Learn more at [maycenter.com](http://maycenter.com).

## TITUS ANDRONICUS

Self-described as Reno's second-best theatre company, Good Luck Macbeth performs *Titus Andronicus* in an intimate black box theatre setting April 28-May 20. Set in a woman's prison in 1920s rural Nevada instead of the last days of the Roman Empire, this version of the play will be helmed by an all-female cast. Tickets are available at [goodluckmacbeth.org](http://goodluckmacbeth.org).

## RENO XTREME BARREL RACE

Barrel racing contestants from more than 10 states will convene in Reno April 25-30, hoping to take home a share of hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and awards. Competitors include amateurs and professionals from all age ranges, and many events are free to the public. Find more information at [burnsevents.com](http://burnsevents.com).

## VIRGINIA CITY GRAND PRIX

Nearly 1,000 dirt bike racers descend on the historic mining town for the Virginia City Grand Prix every year, traversing challenging terrain at speeds up to 90 mph for their shot at taking home first place honors. Cheer for your favorites April 29-30, and enjoy antique shopping, mine tours, and ghost hunting adventures in the meantime. Visit [vcgp.com](http://vcgp.com) for details. ■

# SPRING EVENTS





ways to *winter*  
AROUND RENO





With more than 22,000 acres of snow-covered terrain in the Reno-Tahoe region, it's no wonder skiers and snowboarders alike hear our backyard powder calling their names every winter. If you prefer fun in the snow sans skis or boards, rest assured there are a variety of ways to explore and enjoy our winter wonderland.

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# SLEDDING & TUBING



Fun for kids and kids at heart, sledding and tubing are essential parts of celebrating winter. Nothing beats the rush of sliding down a slippery hill as you hold on and hope to avoid massive piles of snow. Grab a sled, an inner tube, or perhaps an extra slick trash can lid, and visit one of many options waiting for you.

If you are planning a trip to Reno-Tahoe's world-class ski resorts this winter, chances are you will encounter multiple sledding and tubing hills built into the park for all ages to enjoy. However, you don't have to be vacationing to hit the sled slopes with loved ones. Popular snow play areas, some of which have no parking or usage fees, include Tahoe Meadows (22222 Mount Rose Highway, Reno), Galena Creek Park (18250 Mount Rose Highway, Reno), and Tahoe Donner Snow Play Area (12790 Northwoods Blvd., Truckee). Additional recommendations are only a click away, as Yelp Reno and Google both come chock-full of local insider advice on the highest-rated hills for your slip-and-slide adventures.



Lace up some skates and take to the ice this season, as Reno and Lake Tahoe are home to numerous indoor and outdoor ice skating rinks. In Reno, the Downtown Ice Rink at Greater Nevada Field is open seven days a week for both children and adults with multiple-visit punch passes, group rates and private parties available. Skate and skating aids rentals start at \$4 per person, with admission costing \$6-\$8. On select dates, characters such as Batman, Captain America, Elsa and Anna from "Frozen," and the Minions also appear to make the skating sessions extra fun for kids.

At Tahoe, many of the ski resorts have ice skating rinks available to the public. This includes The Village at Northstar California Resort, Heavenly Village at Heavenly Mountain Resort, and Olympic Ice Pavilion at Squaw Valley. If you are looking for a stand-alone rink, try the South Lake Tahoe Ice Arena or Tahoe City Winter Sports Park. Both rinks offer skate rentals as part of the admission price.

## ice SKATING





## snowSHOEING



If you are unfamiliar with snowshoeing, the winter hiking activity is not as unusual as it may sound. Snowshoes are simply pieces of footwear that allow for better weight distribution, making it easier to walk and hike in snowy terrain with less sinking into the elements. Many adventurers enjoy exploring the winter landscape up close and personal, while others prefer to work up a sweat in the chilly outdoors. No matter your preference, Tahoe Adventure Company has a snowshoeing tour perfect for you.

Those who are interested in dipping their snowshoed toe in the frozen waters may want to try a guided tour, which takes you into the surrounding wilderness of Lake Tahoe and offers both the beauty and tranquility of a snowy forest. For something a little different, Tahoe Adventure Company also offers guided sunset, full moon, and star snowshoe tours, providing hikers with gorgeous views and scenery rarely found elsewhere. Each tour ranges in distance from one to four miles and includes snowshoes and walking poles for trekkers, as well as hot drinks and trail snacks. Pack up your friends or family and discover a new way to hit the trails all winter long.

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## *snowmobile* RENTAL



Those with a need for speed won't want to miss an opportunity to cruise the snow in their very own snowmobile. Make your way to the North Tahoe Regional Park, home to 124 acres of year-round recreation, and rent a snowmobile on-site, allowing you to drive in and hit the track with minimal effort. For little ones who want to get behind the wheel, visit the SnoVentures Activity Zone inside Squaw Valley Ski Resort. Children ages 6 to 12 can hop on a mini snowmobile and tackle the appropriately sized course, while other family members enjoy beverages and light food items inside the lodge's viewing area.



## DOG SLEDDING & SLEIGH RIDES

Looking for a truly unique winter experience? Consider joining Sierra Adventures for a dog sledding excursion straight out of the movies. Packs of powerful pups will race you across a snow-covered landscape, following trails carved alongside soaring pine trees and sky-high mountains. An activity that is friendly for the whole family, participants will also have the chance to take photos with the dogs and sleds, and pet the four-legged friends who traversed the paths with you.

For a mellower yet equally memorable experience, take part in Sierra Adventures' real-life sleigh rides. Horse-drawn sleds with seating for multiple guests are led through the wintry wonderland of the Sierra Nevada, providing riders with a one-of-a-kind story to tell for years to come. With the company offering complimentary shuttle service from any Reno hotel, all you will need is warm, waterproof clothing and a sense of adventure. ■



For more information on the companies and places mentioned in this article, visit:

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Ski Lake Tahoe – [skilaketahoe.com](http://skilaketahoe.com)

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Downtown Ice Rink – [greaternevadafield.com](http://greaternevadafield.com)

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Northstar California Resort – [northstarcalifornia.com](http://northstarcalifornia.com)

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South Lake Tahoe Ice Arena – [tahoearena.com](http://tahoearena.com)

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Tahoe City Winter Sports Park – [wintersportspark.com](http://wintersportspark.com)

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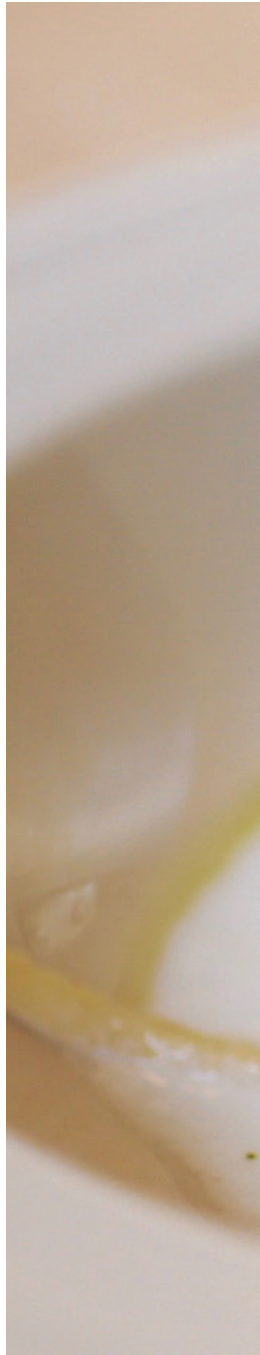
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# EAT

# LIKE A LOCAL



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Reno is home to a growing foodie scene, with new restaurants, cafes, and eateries opening around the city on a regular basis. The cuisine is as diverse as the folks who call the Biggest Little City home, ranging from reimagined American favorites to flavors originating halfway around the world. New to town are Feast, Calafuria and Kauboi Izakaya, each playing a part in boosting Reno's dining reputation.

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# *Introducing*

## **Feast**

Opened in November 2015, Feast fills a niche for accessible fine dining in the neighborhood where downtown Reno and Midtown meet. The restaurant's exterior is adorned with minimal signage amongst its wall of windows, but step inside the bright red front door and you will be welcomed into an intimate atmosphere boasting rich wood tables, cozy seating, and handcrafted artwork. Dedicated to serving classic American dishes with modern twists, one glimpse at the menu and it will be easy to see why Feast has quickly become a local favorite.

Meat and seafood are the stars of the show at Feast, expertly prepared to let inherent flavors shine. For lunch, diners can devour a lobster roll dressed in a housemade Louis sauce with avocado, wild boar salad featuring a mixed berry teriyaki dressing, and half-pound house burger made of a chuck and short rib blend of meat. The dinner menu presents an impressive array of exotic meats – including ostrich and kangaroo – alongside steakhouse staples such as prime ribeye and filet mignon. The seafood options are equally tempting, with selections like teriyaki swordfish, steelhead trout piccata, and Feast's take on a pan roast. These dishes are just some of Feast's most popular items, as the menus are ever-changing to incorporate seasonal items procured from local sources.

Feast is located at 516 S. Virginia Street in Reno, and is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., happy hour Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and dinner seven days a week starting at 5 p.m.

Only one thing rivals the quality and flavor at Feast, and that is the artful plating of the dishes. A quick scan of social media will reveal hundreds of photos of exquisitely prepared entrées that are almost too beautiful to eat, each purposefully styled with sauces, garnishes, and herbs. Do dive into the meal once it arrives, though, as your first bite at Feast certainly will not be your last.

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# FEAST





# *Introducing* CALAF

## Calafuria

Named after a coastal region near the Italian town of Livorno, Calafuria dedicates itself to bringing modern Tuscan cuisine to Reno. Chef and owner Timothy Magee spent more than a decade living and cooking across Italy before returning to his hometown, bringing authentic recipes and inspired creations with him. Nestled in a Midtown neighborhood of mixed-use bungalows and opened in March 2016, this charming restaurant is considered by many to be a hidden gem.

Calafuria serves aperitivo and dinner menus, the former being focused on small plates and specialty cocktails meant to start your meal. Begin your dining experience with a Calafuria Spritz, composed of sparkling rosé, white vermouth, and orange bitters, or try the Faux-jito, which combines fresh mint and lime with brown sugar and white wine. Aperitivo snacks include housemade breads and chips, spicy orange-marinated olives, and tagliere, a platter of Italian meats and cheeses. This menu is served exclusively in the first hour Calafuria is open, encouraging diners to partake in the Italian tradition of building their hunger over the course of several plates.

Dinner service, beginning at 5:30 p.m., allows guests the choice between a tasting menu or à la carte options, and the decision will not be an easy one. No matter how guests choose to dine, both highlight dishes that Calafuria does best. The Livornese-style Fried Baccala is a signature option, featuring salted cod in a hearty stew that is prepared just how the Italian locals love it. Tagliatelle with beef ragu, butternut squash ravioli in a sage and prosciutto broth, and gnocchi served with almond pesto and roasted tomatoes stand out as well, made even better with the use of housemade pasta. With items this good on the menu, it's no wonder so many return to Calafuria quickly, and often.

Calafuria is located at  
725 S. Center Street,  
and is open Tuesday  
through Saturday from  
4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# *Introducing* KAUBOI

## Kauboi Izakaya

Kauboi Izakaya may sound intimidating, but this new Midtown hot spot that opened in June 2016 is anything but. An izakaya is an informal Japanese restaurant styled after a tavern or pub, with the Japanese word for “cowboy” attached to further hint at the experience that awaits. Enter the small but lively space and you’ll be greeted with pops of bright red color, hand-illustrated placemats that double as menus and bar seating with chair clips for cowboy hats. Make no mistake, though, as this welcoming eatery serves up some seriously fine dining.

The menu is grouped into eight categories, each offering small plates meant to be shared or enjoyed over the course of the evening. Selections range from dumplings, tempura, and ramen to yakitori, kushiyaki, and final dishes that pique curiosity. The giant squid with togarashi and yuzu mayo is a fan favorite, both for its clean, bold flavor and social media-worthy presentation. You will also hear others rave over the hamachi served atop Asian pear with ponzu gel, as well as the crisp pork cutlet accompanied by bulldog sauce and the chicken soup gyoza paired with a miso dipping sauce. Those looking for adventure may wish to order the chicken heart yakitori. Final dishes, meant to be ordered near the end of the meal, include battleship curry with fries and cheese curds and wicked fried rice topped with duck cracklins and a duck egg. All will arrive beautifully plated and leave you wanting more.

Kauboi Izakaya is located  
at 1286 S. Virginia Street,  
and is open Tuesday  
through Saturday from  
5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

As it is currently a one-of-a-kind restaurant in Reno, Kauboi Izakaya declines reservations in favor of serving guests on a first-come, first-served basis. The space seats roughly 40, so arrive early and let passing dishes ready your appetite. Any wait will be well worth it. ■

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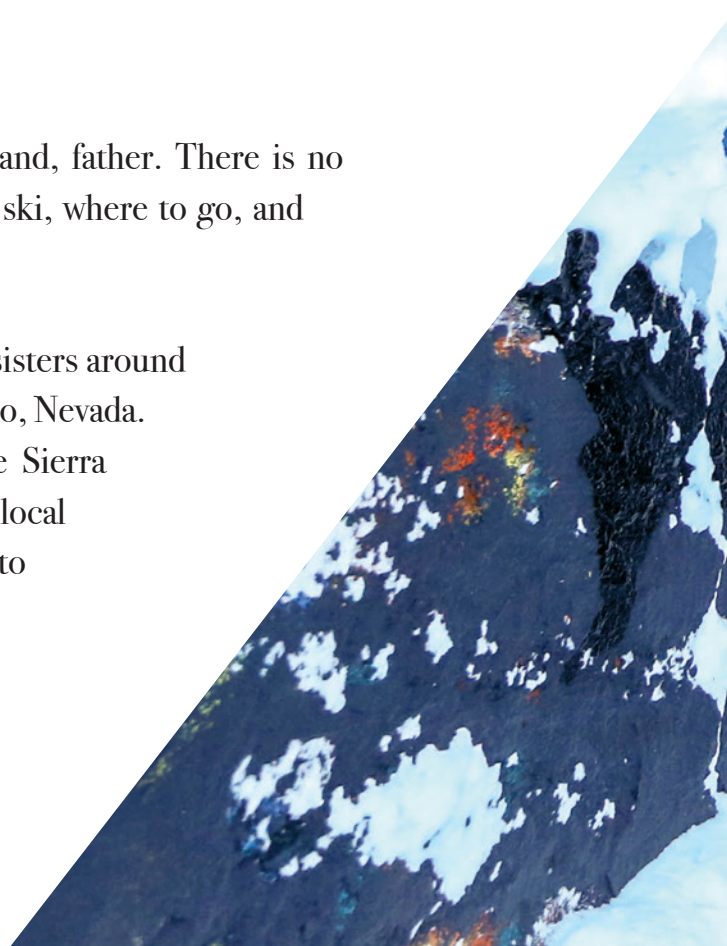
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*Catching up with Northern  
Nevada's Golden Boy*

Native son, local legend, Olympic champion, husband, father. There is no doubt that David Wise knows three things: how to ski, where to go, and what to do with the family in Northern Nevada.

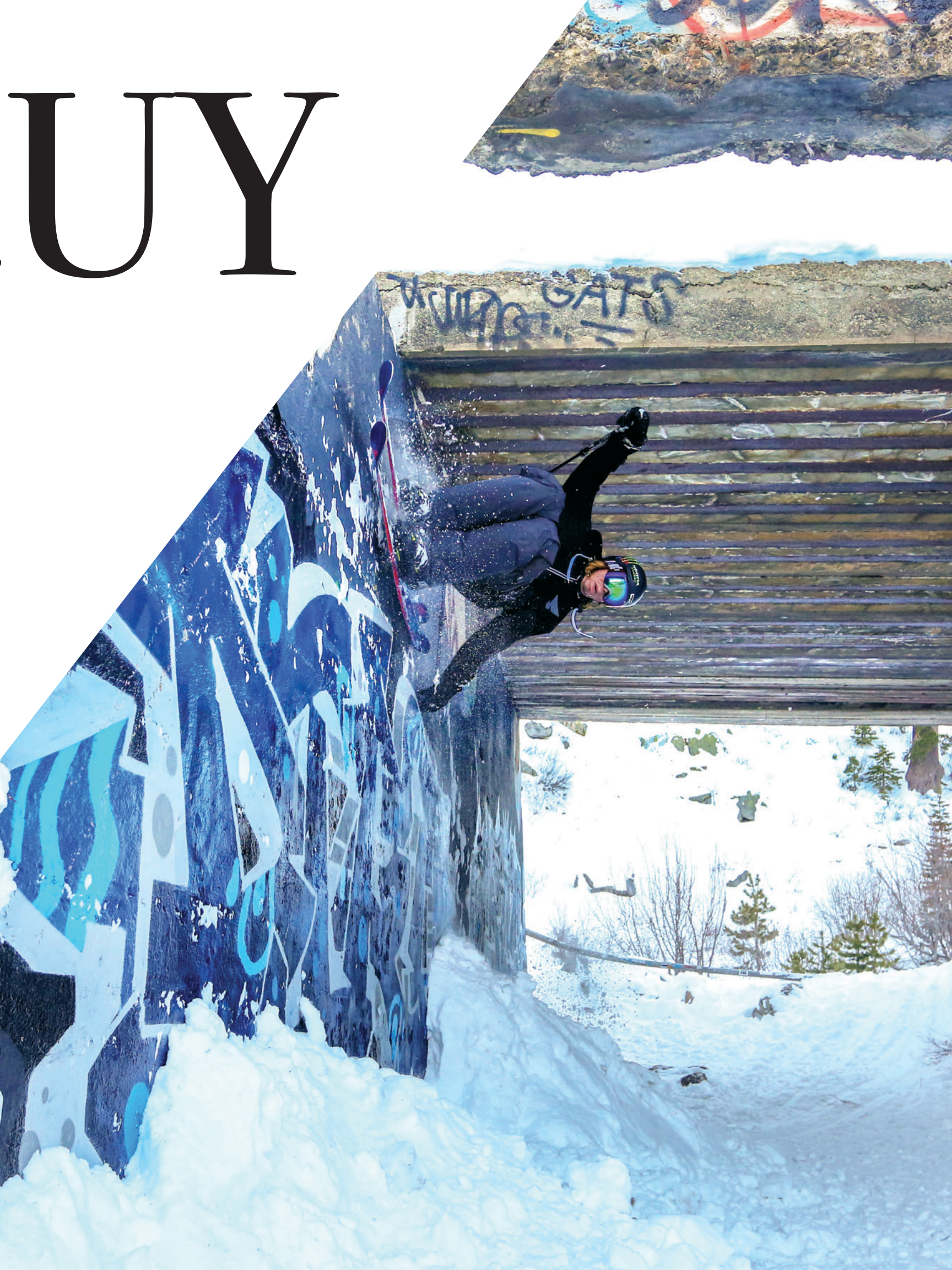
Wise's early memories are of him chasing his older sisters around the mountains at Sky Tavern in his hometown of Reno, Nevada. Since that initial introduction to the slopes of the Sierra Nevada, Wise has been a fixture of the ski scene, from local courses as an 11-year-old boy on the freestyle team to his first U.S. national title at 15, to the podium at the 2014 Sochi Olympic Games as the gold medalist in the inaugural men's ski halfpipe event.

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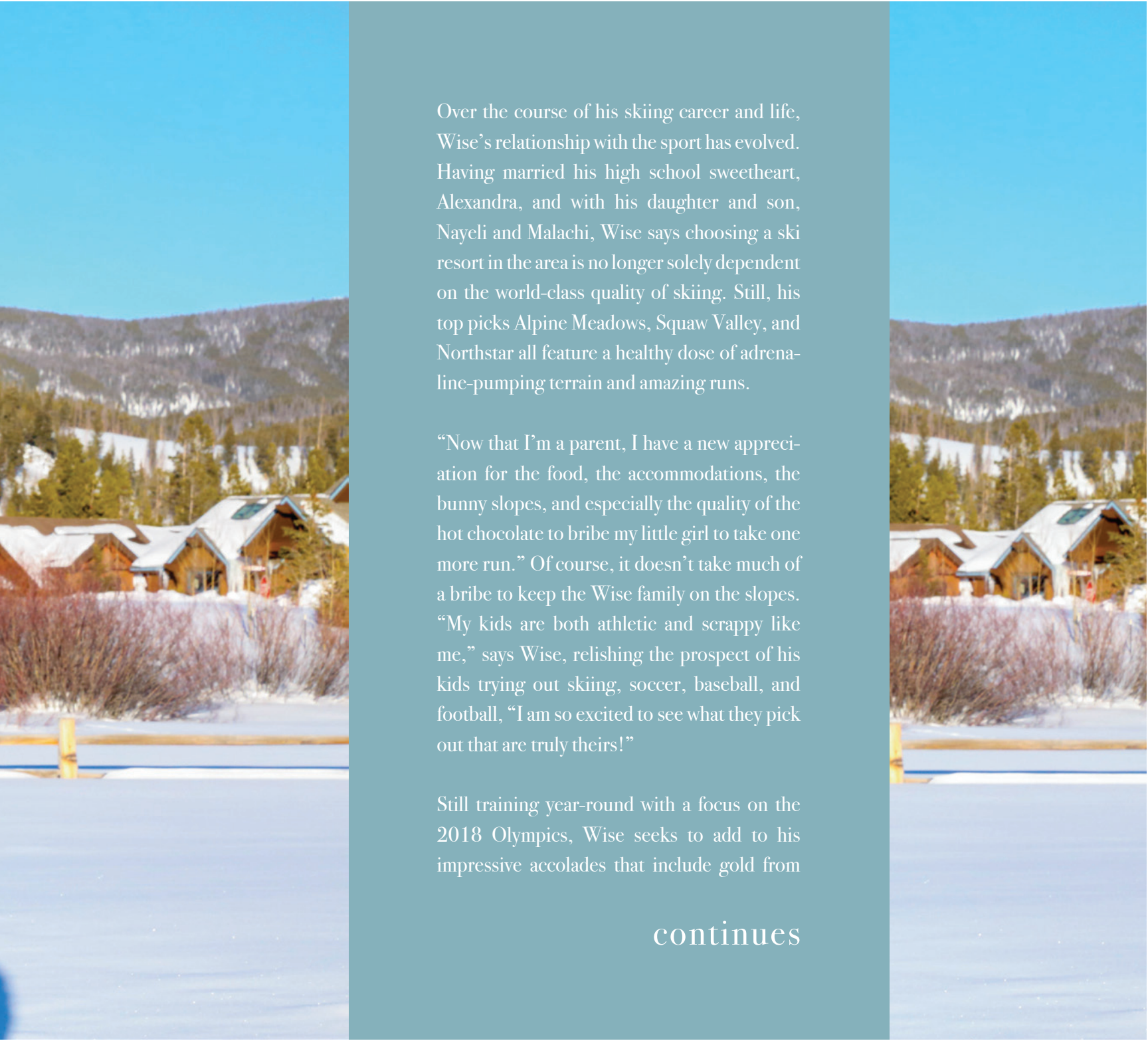


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Over the course of his skiing career and life, Wise's relationship with the sport has evolved. Having married his high school sweetheart, Alexandra, and with his daughter and son, Nayeli and Malachi, Wise says choosing a ski resort in the area is no longer solely dependent on the world-class quality of skiing. Still, his top picks Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley, and Northstar all feature a healthy dose of adrenaline-pumping terrain and amazing runs.

"Now that I'm a parent, I have a new appreciation for the food, the accommodations, the bunny slopes, and especially the quality of the hot chocolate to bribe my little girl to take one more run." Of course, it doesn't take much of a bribe to keep the Wise family on the slopes. "My kids are both athletic and scrappy like me," says Wise, relishing the prospect of his kids trying out skiing, soccer, baseball, and football, "I am so excited to see what they pick out that are truly theirs!"

Still training year-round with a focus on the 2018 Olympics, Wise seeks to add to his impressive accolades that include gold from

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*“Reno is unique as it has a mix of outdoor adventure and a hopping nightlife. I guess my ideal day in Reno for an outsider would be an epic powder day on the mountain (which we have a lot of thanks to the proximity of the Pacific), capped off with a tasty beverage of the user’s choice, then (depending on how hard of a day they had on the mountain) a nice nap, then dinner (I recommend sushi when in Reno because most places are all you can eat), and since they took their nap they still have plenty of energy to experience the nightlife, maybe a show and a little blackjack or roulette, and then they head to the clubs and dance their heart out just to make sure they will sleep well.”*





multiple Winter X Games and the FIS World Championships, as well as six U.S. national titles, and that historic Olympic gold medal. During the winter, months are spent skiing in intense shorter intervals that allow the body to recover, instead of spending all day on the slopes. Warmer months call for mountain biking on trails in Galenda Forest, slacklining and trail running. Regardless of the weather, Wise depends on a routine of trampoline work, visualization, and hitting the gym with his trainer, Max McManus.

When not training or competing, his primary focus is on being the best husband and father he can be. “I realized [after his first major injury] that life was a lot bigger than a few runs through the halfpipe, no matter how big the competition. At the end of the day, my family just wanted me to be a good husband and father.”

The young family of four, who all seem to share the same adventure-seeking gene, can often be found taking advantage of all Northern Nevada has to offer. The family loves snowshoeing the Sierra mountains at night under a full moon, skiing, and

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sledding. On less-intense days, the family loves spending time together just bowling or seeing a movie.

The Wise family's itinerary has enough adventures to keep anyone occupied through every season. From checking out Fly Geyser in the Black Rock Desert, which he calls his favorite hidden gem in the area, mountain biking in Galenda Forest, hiking up Carson Road near Verdi, dirt biking on Peavine Canyon, early-morning boating on Pyramid Lake or Lake Tahoe, relaxing at Chimney Beach or Hidden Beach, fly fishing in the Truckee River, and conducting a food walk in downtown Reno by the river, Wise credits this year-round adventure lifestyle to Reno itself, saying, "I love that you have access to everything here. I've traveled all over the world and I still haven't found a place I would rather call home than Reno." ■







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# *shopping*



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Junkee  
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The Couture Closet

# LOCAL



Whether it's time to get out of a style rut or infuse a little flavor into your home, Reno's shopping scene is a smorgasbord no matter your budget or design aesthetics. Narrowing down which stores to go to can be tricky with the Outlets at Sparks to the north, The Summit Reno to the south, and just about everything else in-between, including charming, locally owned businesses

Those looking for some shopping therapy shouldn't miss the chance to browse prime Midtown and Downtown selections like the Couture Closet, the Nest, and Junkee Clothing Exchange. While each of these stores has its own personality, one common thread is the knowledgeable staff ready to help you find exactly what you're looking for. Supporting local businesses has never been easier or more stylish.





## The Couture Closet

Accepting the playful invitation to “come play dress up with us and visualize what is possible!” from the Couture Closet’s website shouldn’t take a lot of coaxing, especially when factoring in that the boutique is headed by local fashion veteran and powerhouse Isha Casagrande and praised with countless online five star reviews that highlight the fashionable selection and friendly stylists.

The Couture Closet strives to make its customers feel empowered regardless of the event they might be dressing for, as the store carries many items a lady might need from underwear to cocktail dresses.

The store’s atmosphere is just as encouraging as the staff, with natural light flowing in and personalized service that occasionally includes champagne.

The Couture Closet is located at 538 W. Plumb Lane in Reno and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The  
Nest

Tucked away from downtown Reno, the Nest is a cozy consignment shop that showcases the craftsmanship and styles of decades past. The store – a mix of a cooler, more charming version of T.J. Maxx and an estate sale – offers pieces for your home and closet.

Considering owner Tessa Dee Millers’ fondness for everything vintage, it’s easy to see how the curated assortment is more than just antiques waiting to be sold.

“At the Nest we are so grateful to find new, loving homes for these heirlooms while saving customers money compared to buying brand new,” states the shop’s website.

The shop takes its mission to preserve the styles and décor of the past seriously – so much so that it provide reupholstering, refinishing, and repairing services for heirloom pieces of furniture. Additionally, the Nest offers styling and wardrobe makeovers that guarantee you’ll look your best in a one-of-a-kind outfit for that next Instagram selfie.

The Nest is located at 201 Keystone Avenue in Reno and is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Junkee  
Clothing  
Exchange

Smack-dab in Midtown, Junkee Clothing Exchange’s vibrant exterior is just as attention-grabbing as the store’s name, and both let the mind wonder what might be waiting behind the doors. Once inside, the diverse selection within the 15,000-square-foot store ensures you’ll find what you’re looking for whether it’s a vintage pair of earrings, books, vinyl, dining china, or an outfit for Burning Man. Combing through the items from various decades is a fun, visual reminder of past trends that perhaps need to be brought back.

A local favorite for years, the store has even gained national attention by landing the No. 6 spot on the “19 Insanely Unique Thrift Shops You Need to Visit ASAP” by BuzzFeed. An additional perk at Junkee is the store buys vintage or gently used unique pieces, so your items can become somebody else’s treasures.

Junkee Clothing Exchange is located at 960 S. Virginia Street in Reno and is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. ■





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