

Bouquets and Brickbats

New lease on life for Paso building

Finally, a revival may be in store for the long-vacant Farmers Alliance building in Paso Robles — a 1922 landmark that's been shuttered way too long.

Ray and Pam Derby of Derby Wine Estates bought the iconic building in the fall, and have applied to open a tasting room and wine garden there. They're proposing to restore the exterior — down to the pink paint job and the historic lettering — and will re-use many of the fixtures and the old loading dock.

This would be a boon for Paso, furthering its reputation as a not-to-be-missed destination for wine connoisseurs. We offer a toast to the Derbys, along with a big bouquet of rosés.

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