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Winery watch: Foggy Bridge to open in the Presidio

The first winery to operate in a United States national park, **Foggy Bridge**, will open its tasting room this summer with plans to add a working winery, restaurant and cafe in the fall.

It's the latest project for winemaker Daryl Groom, who very recently left mega-conglomerate Beam Wine Estates, where he was senior vice president of production and winemaking.

Before his corporate job at Beam, Groom had been hands-on winemaker at Geyser Peak for 15 years and previous to that, he held the senior red winemaker post at Penfolds.

Groom isn't the only winemaker to leave Beam in the wake of its acquisition by Constellation Brands. Executive winemaker Nick Goldschmidt, who oversaw all of Beam's California winemaking, is also leaving, and Constellation is trimming 93 jobs. Goldschmidt plans to continue consulting and making wine under his own labels.

John Kontrabecki, who is Foggy Bridge founder, principal and a Presidio resident, is also CEO of TKG International, a commercial real estate development company. Holly Myers, former Clos du Val vice president of marketing, will take the reins as director of marketing.

Foggy Bridge Winery will be at the northwest corner of Crissy Field at Presidio buildings 935 and 937 on Old Mason Street in San Francisco.

— Lynne Char Bennett