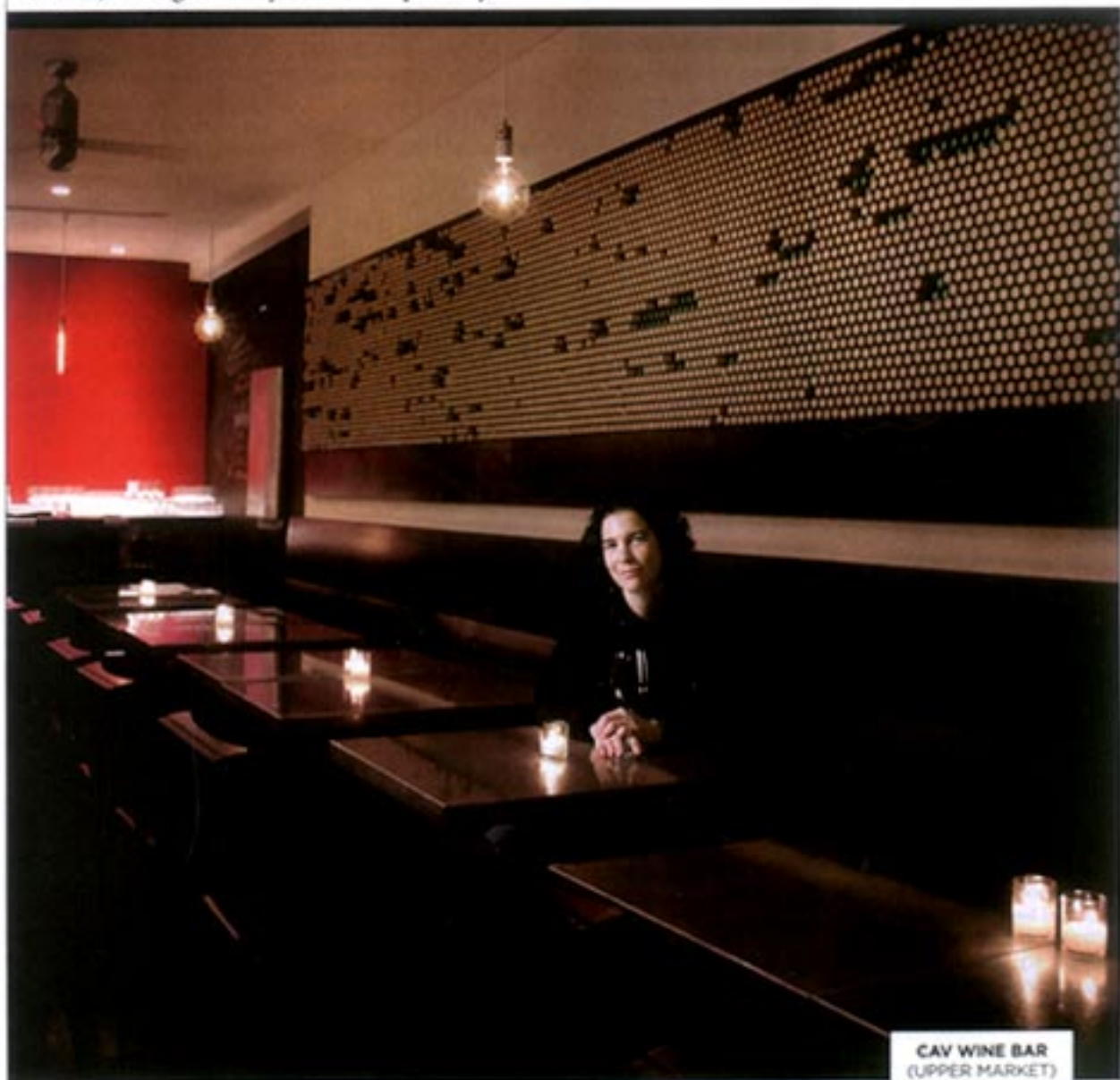


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Given SF's proximity to the Wine Country, it's surprising that the city hasn't been furnished with a host of wine bars before now. A crop has popped up in recent months, however, and they've all adopted a distinctly urbane approach to cocktail hour. With their elegant new wine bar, Cav, owners Pamela Busch (above) and Tadd Cortell are bringing their philosophy of "drinking outside the box" to wine enthusiasts new and old. "We want our customers to be

open-minded and evaluate wines based on taste, not just prestige," Busch says. That's why a Croatian Malvasia outsells California Chardonnay on her eclectic wine list, and why Busch experiments with weekly wine flights devoted to lesser-known regions. With a sultry crimson interior and a kitchen that delivers such wine-friendly bites as fondue for two, Cav is filled with patrons sipping and swirling to their hearts' content. —KAREN PALMER