

Dramatic Entrance
Two 13-foot steel doors
maximize transparency
and vineyard views.

Tucked into the rolling hills of wine country in Calistoga, California, a contemporary barn by Jennifer Robin Interiors and Kroeger Janev Architects boasts a dining hall, bar lounge, caterer's kitchen, and more. A pair of custom tables are crowned with six 45-inch chandeliers by Jason Wein from Cleveland Art.

Life Is Better with a Party Barn

The latest in at-home entertainment is to have a dedicated dance hall right in your own backyard.
By Jennifer Blaise Kramer

A **BACKYARD STUDIO** offers a quiet escape for creativity, but what if you want to host a frenzy of friends for dancing? Homeowners with ample acreage are building party barns, vast structures in a rustic style that can absorb a crowd and take a bit of wear and tear. **"People want fun, casual spaces where they don't have to worry about formal entertaining,"** says designer Jennifer Robin, who designed the 5,000-square-foot pictured structure, which is set apart from the main house for a California family who loves hosting. Offering high ceilings and dancehall depth, the party barn contains noise and mess but is still enchantingly open to the elements. **"Sliding barn doors capture the views, add drama, and blur the lines between inside and out,"** says Sasha Janev of Kroeger Janev Architects. Swing them wide open so your guests can dance under the stars.



Corused oak cabinet fronts play into the western style. Counters: soapstone. Faucet: Brizo.



Party Proofing Unfussy concrete floors are layered with spill-proof indoor/outdoor rugs for warmth.

Rug: Mark Nelson. **Chandelier:** 1stDibs. **Sofa:** custom-designed by Jennifer Robin Interiors, in Kerry Joyce fabric. **Coffee table:** Coup d'Etat. **Ottoman:** Nickey Kehoe in Garrett leather.

What Goes into Building a Party Barn?

Party-Proof Surfaces "To stand up to the needs of indoor/outdoor living, concrete floors, leather furniture, and outdoor fabrics lend durability," Robin says. "Even though these are high-end spaces, they aren't fussy or uptight."



Backsplash: François & Co. **Coffee table:** Mimi London, Sloan Miyasato. **Wing chair:** Ralph Lauren Home, in a Zak+Fox linen blend. **Bench:** vintage in Nobilis velvet. **Rug:** Merida. **Side table:** vintage.

About This Barn

Wrapped in warm woods, with velvety textiles and leather furnishings to keep events worry-free, this California party barn by interior designer Jennifer Robin and Kroeger Janev Architects is decidedly luxurious. But the decor was inspired by a good old-fashioned watering hole. **"There is something for everyone, from a grand piano in the dining area to vintage games up in the loft,"** Robin says. Downstairs there might be a 24-person sit-down dinner going on, while rowdier guests get into the Skee-Ball, shuffleboard, billiards, and jukebox in the loft above.



Game Zone An area for pool and recreation is key for hosting kids.

Pool table: custom, Isabella Furniture. **Skee-Ball:** vintage. **Carpet:** wool, Unique Carpets.

