

San Francisco Chronicle

Wine Country's Top 25 Restaurants



Kenzo Napa

**1339 Pearl Street, Napa CA 94559
707.294.2049**

Head Chef: Kenji Miyaishi

GM: Juan Pena

Proprietors: Kenzo & Natsuko Tsujimoto

**www.kenzonapa.com
reservations@kenzonapa.com**



Santiago Mejia / S.F. Chronicle

Kenzo

1339 Pearl St., Napa [SEE ON MAP](#)

[ADD TO WISHLIST](#)



Santiago Mejia / S.F. Chronicle

In the hush of this minimalist kaiseki restaurant, where small intricate dishes are served in precise sequence, small details draw the eye. The shadow of a tree branch, framed by a shoji screen window behind the golden cypress counter, lengthens and fades. The texture of the hand-chiseled wooden doors echoes the skin of soy-glazed fish served in dashi. The chefs, working inches away behind the counter, plate each of the nine courses on a different ceramic dish or porcelain bowl selected by owner Natsuko Tsujimoto. Her husband, Kenzo Tsujimoto, made his fortune as the founder of video game pioneer Capcom before purchasing land in Napa, establishing his eponymous winery and restaurant. The link between its tranquil setting and the raucous cartoon violence of “Street Fighter” is wonderfully dissonant.