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The Best Places to Watch The Kentucky Derby

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New York City, New York

The Club Room at The Lowell will be serving up Mint Juleps and southern-style canapés at their viewing party, and for those who don't have a hat ready, there will be a pop-up from New York City couture millinery, Suzanne. VIP tickets are \$150 and will get you a rare whiskey tasting as well.



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Farmstead, restaurant in Napa, will host a viewing party with southern eats including pimento cheese stuffed deviled eggs, fried chicken biscuits and bay shrimp hushpuppies. Festive attire is encouraged, with prizes for the best dressed. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the St. Helena Cooperative Nursery School.



Courtesy of Kristen Loken for Long Meadow Ranch

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Nantucket, Massachusetts

Don't miss the "Nantucket Derby" at the White Elephant Village's ballroom with Mint Juleps and a whole assortment of snacks included. Prizes will be offered for best dressed, so don't forget your hats. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Small Friends of Nantucket, which provides early education for local children.



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One of New York City's most beloved hotels will celebrate its 5th anniversary this spring with an extravagant party that perfectly compliments its millinery factory roots - The Derby at Refinery Hotel. Refinery Hotel will ring in its 5th year with an immersive Kentucky Derby celebration. In typical Derby fashion, New York City's elite will don their favorite hats, sip mint juleps and celebrate "the greatest two minutes in sports."



Courtesy of The Refinery Hotel

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Jamieson Ranch Vineyard is asking guests to break out their hats and pastels to watch America's greatest race at their "Derby Day" event in style. Guests will enjoy new spring wine releases and small bites such as olive oil poached tuna and duck confit. Don't miss the photo-op with the vineyard's miniature horses – Whinnie the Poo and Sweet Jane and Molly.



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Indianapolis, Indiana

Enjoy Woodford Reserve bourbon tastings, southern-inspired cuisine and derby-themed activities including the popular "Make Your Own Derby Hat" activity at the Woodford Reserve Kentucky Derby Viewing Party. Display your best derby attire at this high-class event, which is rich in Kentucky tradition for the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby.

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