

Sonoma County, California

Sonoma County has 1,800 vineyard owners and more than 350 wineries that work together to produce a variety of world-class wines.

The county is home to 13 American Viticulture Areas (AVAs) or, simply put, wine regions — the areas where particular wine varieties grow and thrive.

Each possesses a distinct combination of soils, climate and wine varieties unique to the region. This ranges from cool climate thriving Pinot Noir and Chardonnay to warmer weather favorites such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel and more. Much more.

And what is great wine without great food? In Sonoma County you'll find local artisans producing everything from award-winning cheeses to Muscovy duck, from Pacific oysters to farm-fresh produce and fruits. Our farmers fill the chefs' shopping baskets for *California Cuisine* in Northern California.

Sonoma County is where great wine and food, family and friends converge.

Please enjoy your Sonoma County journey.

Note: The 13th Sonoma County region (not shown) is Northern Sonoma. It combines Dry Creek Valley, Alexander Valley, Knights Valley, Chalk Hill, Russian River Valley and Green Valley.

TOTAL LAND ACRES
1,050,000

VINEYARD ACRES
60,302

NUMBER OF WINERIES
350

NO. OF GROWERS
1,800





Alexander Valley

Named for pioneer Alexander Cyrus and located at the northern end of Sonoma County, the Alexander Valley is 22 miles long and varies in width from two to seven miles.

On the hillsides to the east and west, as well as the valley floor along the beautiful Russian River winding through from north to south, the valley is home to a variety of microclimates that support the growth of many wine grape varieties. Over the years, our winegrowers in the Alexander Valley have learned the optimum places to cultivate each particular grape.

World-class Cabernet Sauvignon grapes thrive from the valley all the way up to the rolling hillsides and mountain ridges of the Alexander Valley, while the loamy soil of the valley floor and benchlands allow Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot fruit to flourish.

In addition, Alexander Valley is home to Zinfandel and Rhone varieties, including Syrah and Viognier. But Cabernet Sauvignon remains its signature wine, rivaling the great Cabernets of the world.



TOTAL LAND ACRES
76,900

VINEYARD ACRES
15,000

NUMBER OF WINERIES
42

NO. OF GROWERS
103

DAILY WEATHER TRENDS
(april-october)

MORNING
light fog/cool

AFTERNOON
hot

EVENING
mild