

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





Carneros

Nestled on the northernmost edge of San Pablo Bay (also known as San Francisco Bay to some), the thin soil and cool climate of

Carneros make it a prime growing region for both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The area, with its gently rolling hills spilling over into neighboring Napa Valley, was once home to shepherds and their flocks, hence the name, Carneros — Spanish for “ram.”

World-class sparkling wines, as well as luscious table wines come from the region. The Pinot Noir is rife with flavors of dark fruit, cherry, spice and minerality, while the Carneros Chardonnay boasts subtly enticing floral, green apple and grapefruit qualities.

Syrah and Merlot are also grown in Carneros. The cool climate produces a distinctly different Merlot — an elegant wine with flavors of cassis and black currant fruit with a savory softness in the mouth. Turns out Carneros may also be Spanish for “mmmmm.”



TOTAL LAND ACRES
37,400

VINEYARD ACRES
7,500

NUMBER OF WINERIES
22

NO. OF GROWERS
OVER 75

DAILY WEATHER TRENDS
(april–october)

MORNING
very cool/fog

AFTERNOON
windy/warm

EVENING
cool