

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





Dry Creek Valley

At the foot of picturesque Lake Sonoma, morning fog gives way to warm, comfortable days that attract visitors from all over the world. In

addition to boosting tourism, this climate produces food-friendly wines such as Sauvignon Blanc and Zinfandel, from both the narrow valley floor and the wooded hillsides above.

Beyond the winegrapes, luscious fruit can be found in flavorful abundance — kiwi, apricots, peaches, plums, pears and olives. It was the French (quel surprise!) who first discovered the valley's rich potential. French immigrants were the first to plant

here in 1870. Shortly thereafter, Italian pioneers embraced the regions geography, remarkably similar to their beloved home regions of Tuscany and Piedmont.

The Italians planted Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Carignane, producing robust reds. Today the severe, stone-strewn soils, ideal for concentrating fruit and flavor character, produce exquisite examples of America's favorite wines — Zinfandel leads the way, followed closely by Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Chardonnay.

A region blessed with an abundance of character, Dry Creek Valley produces flavor-forward wines enjoyed equally with pizza as with filet mignon.



TOTAL LAND ACRES
78,000

VINEYARD ACRES
9,300

NUMBER OF WINERIES
63

NO. OF GROWERS
OVER 150

DAILY WEATHER TRENDS
(april-october)

MORNING
cool

AFTERNOON
hot

EVENING
cool