

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





Russian River Valley

A land of vivid outdoor possibilities — harvest your own raspberries in September, pick your own future jack-o-lanterns in October, cut down your own

Christmas tree in December. As the river flows to meet the Pacific at Jenner-by-the-Sea, flowers thrive in thrilling colors while a prize-winning dairy serves as home to a wide assortment of our bovine friends. Welcome to life on the Russian River.

There are also some exceptional wines growing along the way, such as Chardonnay, slightly leaner than those of the Alexander Valley, but still fruit developed to sustain months in oak barrels for depth and clarity.

As good as the Chardonnays are (and they are good), the star of the region is Pinot Noir, defined by its extraordinary body — a sensual, succulent, enticing, slides-down-your-throat texture you'll never forget. You won't experience it with other Pinots, because of the unique natural circumstances that define its character — morning river fogs moderating afternoon temperatures for full fruit maturity without loss of depth, and that famous Russian River Valley suppleness.

There is a unique adventure (and taste) around every beautiful bend of the Russian River.



TOTAL LAND ACRES
125,500

VINEYARD ACRES
15,000

NUMBER OF WINERIES
50

NO. OF GROWERS
OVER 200

DAILY WEATHER TRENDS
(april–october)

MORNING
thick fog/cool

AFTERNOON
warm

EVENING
cool