

## 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



## Sonoma Valley, California



The Valley of the Moon provides a vivid snapshot of Northern California's often turbulent, always fascinating history.

In 1823, decades before California

achieved statehood, Franciscan padres planted winegrapes in Sonoma at the last of the California missions. The notorious Hungarian Count Agoston Haraszthy introduced commercial winemaking to the area in the 1850s.

Right across the street from the mission, local insurgents staged the Bear Flag Revolt, attempting to pry control of California from its Mexican proprietors. They won and the state of California was born.

Today, while you enjoy Sonoma's fine homemade cheeses, you'll see many ancient winery stone walls still standing as a tangible reminder of the era. Modern winegrowers enjoy the climate warmed by slanting rays of sun and cooled by airflows from both the San Francisco Bay, and most importantly, the Pacific Ocean through the Petaluma Gap.

In the coolest location, overlapping the Carneros region, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are grown for both table and sparkling wines. Up valley, Chardonnay still thrives, while currant-rich Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah stake their claims for some of the valley's finest red wines.

Ascending, as you approach the ridgelines, you'll find Zinfandel thriving with peppered spiciness and zingy raspberry fruitiness. Oh yes, there's plenty to savor here.



TOTAL LAND ACRES  
115,300

VINEYARD ACRES  
14,000

NUMBER OF WINERIES  
81

NO. OF GROWERS  
OVER 200

DAILY WEATHER TRENDS  
(april–october)

MORNING  
cool/fog

AFTERNOON  
very warm

EVENING  
cool