

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 Coast

A pleasing mass of contradictions, the coolest region in the county is also one of the hottest (in popularity that is). Hugging the Pacific

Ocean and weaving throughout the county where the cool coastal influence touches, Sonoma Coast produces twice the rainfall of any other region, yet it's still warm enough to ripen winegrapes to their full potential. The Petaluma Gap helps funnel the cool coastal breezes to the inland regions.

The vineyards closest to the Pacific are located above the fog line on slopes once home to natural forest and the occasional flock of sheep or herd of cattle. With the coast's seafood industry providing the

perfect pairings (Dungeness crab and Chardonnay anyone?), the region represents the essence of the Sonoma County wine and food experience.

Sonoma Coast is the largest region in the county at more than 750 square miles, overlapping the other cool-climate regions in Sonoma County. But what unifies the Sonoma Coast is the richness of flavors possible when varieties like Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are planted where the end of the growing season coincides with the fullest flavor maturity.

The result? Chardonnay loaded with fresh dairy cream and hazelnut character, and Pinot Noir boasting the region's silky black cherry fruits and sandalwood spice. Contradictions were never this savory.



TOTAL LAND ACRES
516,900

VINEYARD ACRES
2,000

NUMBER OF WINERIES
7

NO. OF GROWERS
OVER 70

DAILY WEATHER TRENDS
(april-october)

MORNING
very cool/fog

AFTERNOON
windy/cool

EVENING
cool/fog