

## 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





### Knights Valley

Protected from direct Pacific influence, Knights Valley is the warmest of Sonoma County's wine regions. Its unique blend of climate and soil is

a result of an ancient eruption of Mt. St. Helena, pushing the course of the Russian River west at Healdsburg, forever altering the landscape.

Sauvignon Blanc, in its ripest exposition, is the white wine star of the region, showing full fig and melon fruit. Also flourishing are the Bordeaux

Meritage varieties — Cabernets Sauvignon and Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot — in all their glorious combinations. Richly fruited with a plethora of tobacco and cassis, these delicious beauties feature hints of cedar and the rich chocolate notes of perfectly mature warm climate grapes.

Friend to vegetarian and carnivore alike, the Knights Valley climate and terrain are ideal for vegetable truck gardens that supply the wine country's finest restaurants, as well as raising Black Angus beef cattle, the perfect match for the region's famously rich reds.



TOTAL LAND ACRES  
36,800

VINEYARD ACRES  
2,000

NUMBER OF WINERIES  
1

NO. OF GROWERS  
OVER 32

DAILY WEATHER TRENDS  
(april-october)

MORNING  
very cool

AFTERNOON  
hot

EVENING  
cool late