



Quick Fact Sheet

Sonoma County is located 45 minutes north of San Francisco on Northern California's Pacific Coast.

Home to over 1,800 winegrowers, many from multi-generational farming families! Boasts over 495 wineries.

60,000 acres is planted to vineyards and Sonoma County's and produces 6% of California's wines.

99% of Sonoma County's vineyard acreage is certified sustainable by a 3rd party.

Sonoma County has 19 unique winegrowing regions including, Alexander Valley, Bennett Valley, Carneros, Chalk Hill, Dry Creek Valley, Fort Ross- Seaview, Fountaingrove District, Green Valley of Russian River Valley, Knights Valley, Moon Mountain, Northern Sonoma, Petaluma Gap, Pine Mountain – Cloverdale Peak, Rockpile, Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast, Sonoma Mountain, Sonoma Valley, and West Sonoma Coast.

More than 100 different grape varieties thrive here. Top red varieties are Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel. Top white varieties are Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris.

Each growing region and every vineyard are distinctive, with climate, soils and site creating unique characteristics. Geological diversity includes, mountains, valleys, 50 miles of coastline and rivers.

Due to active geological activity in Sonoma County, you'll find a greater diversity of soils than are found in all of France.

Chardonnay is the most abundant varietal in Sonoma County, with over 15,000 vineyard acres planted.

More Pinot Noir is planted in Sonoma County than any other red grape at over 12,500 acres.

40% of Sonoma County's vineyards are less than 40 acres, and 80% are less than 100 acres.

More than 95% of Sonoma County's vineyards are still family-owned and operated.

One in four Sonoma County jobs are in the wine industry.

Look for the "Sonoma County Sustainably Farmed Grapes" wine label when you buy wine. Wines produced from a Sonoma County region must include "Sonoma County" on the label.

An American Viticulture Area (AVA) is a wine grape-growing region distinguished by geographic features.

For every acre of winegrapes in Sonoma County there are two acres of other diversified Ag such as apple trees, dairies, cut flowers and produce.