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NAPA VALLEY FAST FACTS

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There are approximately 475 physical wineries in Napa County producing more than 1,000 different wine brands.
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