THE NAPA VALLEY AMERICAN VITICULTURAL AREA (AVA)

The most renowned winegrowing region in the U.S. is also one of the smallest and most diverse in the world:

- Limited production: Only 4% of California’s wine grape harvest comes from Napa Valley
  - Napa Valley represents 0.4% of the world’s wine production
- Small area: 46,000 acres (18,600 hectares) under cultivation
  - The valley floor is 30 miles long and just 5 miles across at its widest point
- Diverse soils: Half of the world’s 12 recognized soil orders and 33 different soil series
- Ideal climate: Dry Mediterranean climate, which covers only 2% of the Earth’s surface
  - Typical summer daytime high temperatures are 80°F (27°C) in the southern part of the valley and 95°F (35°C) in the northern part of the valley
  - Fog moderates summer overnight temperatures to an average of 53°F (12°C) throughout the valley
- Varied topography: Vineyards range in elevation from sea level to 2,600 feet (800 meters)
- There are 16 approved AVAs within the Napa Valley AVA

Grape varieties (from 2016 Napa County Crop Report):

- More than 34 different wine grape varieties grow in Napa County
- 22% of vineyard acreage is planted to white wine grapes and 78% to red wine grapes
- Top varieties:
  - **Cabernet Sauvignon** – 22,868 acres/9,254 hectares (50%)
  - **Chardonnay** – 6,445 acres/2,608 hectares (14%)
  - **Merlot** – 4,583 acres/1,855 hectares (10%)
  - **Sauvignon Blanc** – 2,789 acres/1,193 hectares (6%)
  - **Pinot Noir** – 2,789 acres/1,129 hectares (6%)
  - **Zinfandel** – 1,317 acres/533 hectares (3%)

NAPA VALLEY FAST FACTS

4% of California’s wine grapes come from Napa Valley

2% Napa Valley has a Mediterranean climate which is found in just 2% of the world

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Top Planted Varieties

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Merlot 15%
Pinot Noir 6%
Sauvignon Blanc 6%
Zinfandel 3%

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ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

- The Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve, established in 1968, was the first of its kind in the United States to set land aside specifically for agriculture
- Today, nearly 90% of Napa County is under permanent or high levels of protection from development
- In 2015, the Napa Valley Vintners established the goal that all its eligible members will be in the Napa Green environmental certification program by the end of 2020
  - As of 2019, NVV is 70% of the way towards achieving this goal
- 40% of all sustainable winery certifications statewide
- More than 70 wineries are certified in the Napa Green Winery program

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- The local wine industry and related businesses:
  - Provide an annual economic impact of more than $9.4 billion locally and nearly $34 billion in the U.S.
  - Create 44,000 jobs in Napa County and nearly 190,000 nationwide

WINERIES/GROWERS/NVV MEMBERS

- There are approximately 700 grape growers in Napa County
- There are approximately 475 physical wineries in Napa County producing more than 1,000 different wine brands
- 95% of Napa Valley’s wineries are family owned
- The NVV has 540 winery members
  - Nearly 80% produce fewer than 10,000 cases annually

CHARITABLE GIVING

- The NVV has invested $185 million in local health and children’s education nonprofits since the 1981 inception of our annual community fundraiser, Auction Napa Valley

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