

NAPA VALLEY OVERVIEW

The Napa Valley name is synonymous with the world's finest wines. Located 50 miles north of San Francisco and 35 miles east of the Pacific Ocean, Napa Valley is bounded on the west by the Mayacamas Mountains and on the east by the Vaca Range. The valley floor is 30 miles long and just 5 miles across at its widest point.

Napa Valley was declared California's first American Viticultural Area or AVA in 1981. Within it, there are 16 recognized sub-or nested AVAs, each possessing unique characteristics. Napa Valley has the ideal climate for growing fine wine grapes and some of the greatest soil diversity of any wine region in the world.

Just 4 percent of California's harvest is from Napa Valley and only 45,000 acres or 9 percent of Napa County is planted to grapes. The vast majority of wineries make less than 10,000 cases per year and 95 percent are family owned. In total, there are approximately 475 physical wineries producing around 9 million cases of Napa Valley wine each year under more than 1,000 individual wine labels.



