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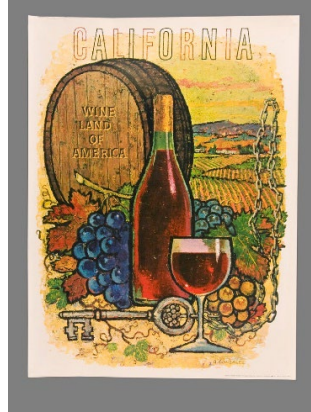


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## An Introduction to California Wineries



California is the largest and most important wine region in the USA. It accounts for the southern two-thirds of the country's west coast and spans almost ten degrees of latitude. With mountains, valleys, plains and plateaus, California's topography is as complex as its climate, offering winegrowers an abundant number of terroir (soils) from which to grow grapes and produce a diverse variety of wines.

Today, California hosts some of the world's largest wine companies and is also home to hundreds of boutique wineries, some of which attract astronomical prices for their vintages. Whether through mass production or single-vineyard artisanal winemaking, California produces 90 percent of American-made wine, supplies more than 60 percent of all wine consumed in the country, and is home to 43% of American wineries.

The state's viticultural history dates back more than 200 years from the Spanish missions. However, ever since the 1976 Judgment of Paris, in which a Cabernet Sauvignon from Stags' Leap Winery and a Chardonnay from Chateau Montelena defeated wines from Bordeaux and Burgundy, there has been much debate in the wine industry about the unique California style.



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Most critics agree it all starts with very fruit-forward wines that make extensive use of the optimal growing conditions throughout California’s vast geography and unique climate zones to pick very ripe fruit. These optimal growing conditions throughout California’s eight wine regions, covering more than 4,500 wineries, lead to wines that are very lush and rich in flavor, with a wide variety (varietals) to choose from.

Arguably one of the top winery destinations and wine tasting locations in the world, California’s cornucopia of wineries, distinctive wine regions, and extensive number of varietals—are hard to beat, and the state is ranked fourth in the world if you count the number of wineries that dot America’s largest Pacific Coast state.

### California Winery Guides

At [www.Winery-Guides.com](http://www.Winery-Guides.com), our goal is to produce and publish the most complete and up-to-date California winery guides so that everyone—from novice to connoisseur, can enjoy the bounty and diversity of California’s wine harvest and the savory juices and varietals that come with them—year after year.

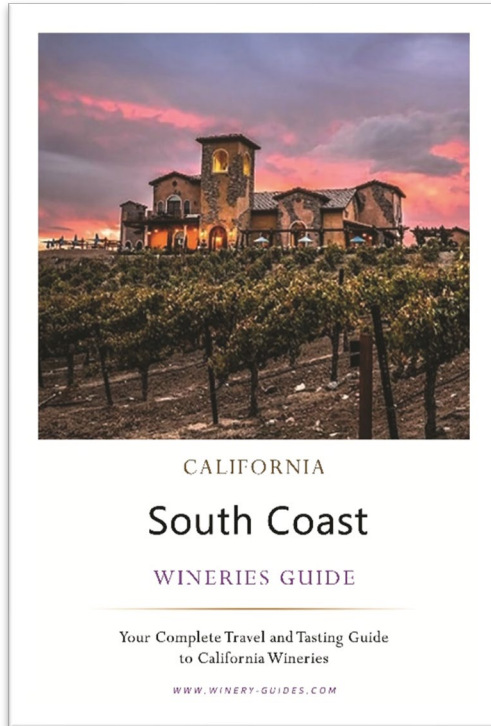
Along with this annual goal as our motivation comes our mission to make the vast array and assortment of California grapes, wines and wineries more visible and accessible—and in the process, enhance and expand wine appreciation, wine tasting, and wine tourism throughout California’s eight wine regions.

Because there is so much to see, smell, taste, and savor throughout California’s wine regions—we have created eight winery guides to compliment the eight distinct wine regions listed below from the largest to the smallest in regards to the number of wineries.

The geographical focus of this particular California wineries guidebook is the South Coast wine region of California. Enjoy!

- Napa
- Sonoma
- Central Coast
- Sierra Foothills & Central Valley
- Bay Area
- **South Coast**
- North Coast
- Monterey

## How Our Wineries Guide Works



Our easy to use and comprehensive winery guide for the 21<sup>st</sup> century that has no equal. We believe you're the best critic, so we provide you with the most essential and up-to-date information for each winery so you can make your own decisions. As to which wineries we list? We list all of them, provided they have "posted" and "defined" tasting schedules and meet the criteria below. Furthermore, we have no preference as to their size, reputations, awards won, how long they've been established, etc. We're not pretentious.

The only exceptions for excluding a winery will be if their ABC Class 2–Winegrower license and/or other local licenses are not active, they haven't

opened their doors yet, don't offer tasting in any type of venue, don't have a website, or Facebook page, or listing in any of the popular winery review/travel sites, or some informational online source like Yelp that we can include the link of, so our readers can follow it and learn more about that particular winery.

In essence, our guide provides a taste of each winery's essential information (all pun intended), starting with their name, address, email address (if they have one), and their online information link as noted above.

Next comes their wine tasting hours of operation, days of the week for tasting, and if reservations are required ahead of visiting the winery for tasting. Even if no reservations are required, it's always smart to contact the winery ahead of time, particularly the boutique wineries, at least 72 hours in advance, if you're not already in the immediate area so as not to waste a trip and be disappointed if they're not open. It happens!

Following, are a winery's typical amenities such as providing comedy, private or public events, food (can range from breads, cheeses, crackers, cold cuts, sandwiches, pizzas, food trucks, catered food, to complete dinners), lodging, music, picnic area, tasting (which can be limited to only off-site tasting events or local pick-up only), winery and/or cellar tours, weddings, and a wine club if they have one.

Then we list in alphabetical order their varietals (but no blends because they're so many to consider), finished off with a brief introduction about the winery in their own words.

To savor more about the winery and what the buzz is about them (oh ya, more puns), take the time to follow their online link and learn more about the winery from the winery themselves, winery review sites, wine critics, or other industry sources.

A fast, easy, organized guidebook that is updated yearly! Just the kind you need so you can spend more time planning your wine tasting, identifying and selecting the wineries that suit your palette (one last pun, we can't help it), and getting the most pleasure and satisfaction out of it when you're out and about wine tasting.

## **The 8 Wine Regions of California**

This California wineries guidebook is part of a series of guidebooks covering the eight wine growing regions in California. In many wine enthusiast circles,

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there's a consensus on the boundaries of some of the wine region—but for others, there is no unifying consensus.

Nonetheless, at [www.Winery-Guides.com](http://www.Winery-Guides.com) we based our regional designations on a number of factors using geographic location, overall size, distinct wine appellations, wine growing associations, and other considerations explained in more detail below.

We also factored in the sheer number of wineries (4,763 to be exact in 2021 and more on the way every year), their concentration throughout the state of California, proximity of wineries to major populations centers (like the Bay Area and Los Angeles for example), distance and drive times to get to each wine region, and the wine region's climate, topography, and geology.

In addition to the above, where a previously defined wine region covered a large area and/or many wineries in a particular area, and to align each wine region more closely to their respective travel, convention, and tourist bureau definitions that help define their regional boundaries, we separated the wine regions into smaller and more distinct areas—thus the eight wine regions.

A perfect example of this regarding the geographic size of a wine region separated into smaller areas is the Central Coast. The Central Coast covers twelve California counties (that include eight Bay Area, two in the Monterey area, and two more in the redefined Central Coast area of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties), a combined area larger than many of America's smaller states.

Almost as long as Florida's 360-mile-long eastern coastline, the Central Coast wine region covers a significant area from the NW corner of Marin County, all the way down to the SW corner of Santa Barbara County, a distance of 350 miles and close to six hours of drive time from one end to the other along US Highway 101.

For these reasons, the Central Coast wine region is divided into three smaller and more cohesive regions, with the Bay Area (eight counties and over 200 wineries) taking up the north end, the Monterey area (two counties approaching 100 wineries) holding the middle, and the revised and resized Central Coast region consisting of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties area (two counties and over 500 wineries), taking up the south end.

The North Coast wine region is another example of splitting up a large number and high concentration (1,000 plus) of wineries. These wineries are concentrated into the previously designated and all-encompassing North Coast

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wine region covering Napa and Sonoma counties, along with the four counties northward consisting of Mendocino, Humboldt, Lake, and Trinity counties (containing more than 100 wineries combined).

The Napa and Sonoma counties and wine regions, to no one's surprise, have always held their own as distinct wine regions of California. However, because they both have so many appellations (17 and 19 for a total of 36), they are subdivided into sub-regions to match the appellations they have.

Lastly, in defining which counties to include in the Bay Area wine region, we included all the counties bordering the Bay Area's coastlines (except Sonoma and Napa counties). To be precise, if you zoom in on a map of the Bay Area, Napa County doesn't touch the bay, but almost does.

So how many bays, in the Bay Area system, are there besides the San Francisco Bay that these eight Bay Area counties touch? If we head north of San Francisco Bay in San Pablo Bay and then head east towards Sacramento, we come to Suisun Bay, and the lesser known Grizzly and Honkers bays adjoining Suisun Bay.

Besides Napa County which has its own wine region, there is one county that doesn't touch any of the bays, and it's Santa Cruz County, an outlier. True, it touches Monterey Bay, but its history, economy, and inter-county relationships are more strongly developed and aligned with the Bay Area counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara to the north than Monterey County to the south.

With that noted, [www.Winery-Guides.com](http://www.Winery-Guides.com) now identifies three separate wine regions from the all-encompassing North Coast regions as Napa, Sonoma, and a reduced in size North Coast wine region consisting of the other wine regions located in the four counties north of Sonoma and Napa counties.

Finally, the Sierra Foothills and Central Valley wine regions (sometimes identified separately) are combined because their winery locations, although covering a very large area but sparsely populated with wineries compared to Napa and Sonoma counties) follow a relatively narrow band of California real estate in a north-west to south-east trajectory within the two ends of the Central Valley (Sacramento Valley to the north and San Joaquin Valley to the south).

Along this trajectory, to the east of the Central Valley, sits the Sierra Nevada foothills and their wineries, aptly named the Sierra Foothills winery region.

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Below the foothills and in the valleys are the major cities of Sacramento, Modesto, Fresno, and Bakersfield

Altogether, these eight wine regions are summarized below (including their respective counties or county), ranked in order with the largest number of wineries first, to the smallest number of wineries last, as follows:

- Napa (Napa)
- Sonoma (Sonoma)
- Central Coast (Santa Barbara & San Luis Obispo)
- Sierra Foothills & Central Valley (El Dorado, San Joaquin, Amador, Calaveras, Madera, Nevada, Yolo, Placer, Fresno, Sacramento, Butte, Stanislaus, Mariposa, Shasta, Tehama, Tuolumne, Tulare, Yuba, Siskiyou, Kern, Kern, Lassen & Modoc)
- Bay Area (Alameda, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Marin, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo & Solano)
- South Coast (San Diego, Riverside, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange & San Bernardino)
- North Coast (Mendocino, Lake, Humboldt & Trinity)
- Monterey (Monterey & San Benito)

### Vintner Notes & Updates

Please note the year used in our guidebook for when a winery was established, is the earliest one recorded and listed on the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) licensing website page, that lists the date a winery's Class 2 Winegrower license was first issued (activated).

And speaking of ABC licensing; if you're a vintner and reading this winery guide for the first time and don't see your winery listed for none of the reasons above, please contact us by email using the subject title Winery Update at [fratirepublishing@att.net](mailto:fratirepublishing@att.net) with the desired/corrected info so we can add/or correct your winery listing in next year's updated edition. The same goes for updating info for existing wineries when changes occur to their hours, amenities, varietals and any other vital data.

And speaking of next year's edition, California [www.Winery-Guides.com](http://www.Winery-Guides.com) plans to update every winery guide issue on a yearly basis as new wineries are

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established and “open to the public” for wine tasting—be it with pre-determined and posted opening hours, by reservations only, private membership, or with tasting limited to certain events.

Please note for every winery who actively promotes our winery guides to their membership, constituents, subscribers, etc.—they will receive a free epub version every year for as long as they do this.

With over 4,500 winery listing to keep track of—we appreciate your help! All that is required is a copy, screenshot, or other proof of distribution, emailed to [fratirepublishing@att.net](mailto:fratirepublishing@att.net) with the subject title Free Winery Guides Program.

As the time tested saying goes “A rising tide lifts all ships”—a rising tide of awareness from our winery guides regarding the bountiful and diverse California wineries established throughout its wine regions, will not only benefit the wineries themselves with attracting more visitors, increasing wine sales, and ensuring brand awareness—this awareness will also benefit the winery-industry in general along with their sales, operations and partners previously mentioned.

At the heart of each winery guidebook, in the central section, are the A to Z listings of every winery located in that guidebook’s wine regions or counties. The information covered for each winery is clearly and simply laid out that includes their name, address, phone number, email address (if they have one), online address, opening times, amenities, varietals, and a brief introduction about the winery.

Because most wineries have their own unique brand of blends, we don’t list them in order to keep this section manageable. With that noted, most wineries will have a few to a wide assortment of blends, so check them out by all means because this is where wineries can be creative and unique and stand out from the rest. The same goes for roses, sparkling wines, and late harvest / desert wines.

So with all this great winery info at hand, what are you waiting for? Go wine tasting and be sure to mention to your friends, family, and organization—you read about their winery in our wineries guide.

## South Coast Wineries A to Z



*Credit: Fazeli Cellars Winery.*

The South Coast wine region stretches from San Diego County and the border of Mexico on the south to Ventura County in the north. Today, every single county in Southern California has vineyards and wineries to check out. Visitors to the South Coast region’s 200 plus wineries should keep in mind that the wine grape varietals that grow in cooler areas on the coast are often quite different than those grown in warm inland valleys—so be sure to try wineries across the region.

### **Geography**

The South Coast American Viticultural Area (AVA) includes grape-growing areas in six counties: San Diego, Riverside, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino. While there are microclimates throughout these counties that depend on your exact elevation and distance from the ocean, generally the South Coast boasts warm weather cooled down by coastal breezes.

This is the perfect climate for Chardonnay, the grape of choice in Southern California. Zinfandel also thrives in the area, and some very old Zinfandel vines are still being used. You can also find high-quality Syrah and Cabernet



Sauvignon produced in the region. Winemakers in the area are also experimenting with Rhone and Iberian grapes like other areas of California.

### **Maps**

To view available digital maps online for this wine region, please proceed to the Winery Maps & Resources section, the second last section in the guide book. There you'll find other winery resources to help you get the most out of your wineries experience and knowledge. Please note that the winery maps produced by others are not necessarily updated, unlike our winery listings which are updated yearly.

### **Weather**

The South Coast wine region is further south than the wine regions in Europe, and in fact is closer in latitude to wine-producing regions in North Africa. While there are some vineyards in the warmer, inland valleys in the region, most vineyards in the South Coast are closer to the coast. The cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean helps to ensure that the grapes do not dry out.

While most vineyards in the region are to the west of the Sierra Pelona Mountains, closer to the Pacific Ocean, there are some notable exceptions. Vineyards in this hot, dry part of California need something to lower the temperature. While the breeze from the Pacific Ocean does this for most vineyards, some use high elevation to lower the temperature instead.

### **Soil (Terroir)**

This region has incredible variety in soil types. If you're considering starting a vineyard in the South Coast, keep in mind that the exact soil type you're working with will inform which grape varieties will grow well. More mountainous areas in the region have either rocky shale soils or soils with a lot of granite. Areas at lower elevations have sandier soils. Consult a local expert about the types of grapes that will grow best at your location. Luckily, though, all of the soil types in the South Coast have excellent drainage, which is essential for vineyards.

## **6 Winery Areas (by County) of the South Coast Region**

Furthermore, because there are six counties in the South Coast wine region, with 207 wineries covering a large area, each county's wineries are listed separately from A to Z sections and the ordering of each county is determined

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by the county with the largest number of wineries to the one with the smallest number of wineries, as follows:

- **San Diego:** 100 wineries
- **Riverside:** 52 wineries
- **Ventura:** 23 wineries
- **Los Angeles:** 19 wineries
- **Orange:** 7 wineries
- **San Bernardino:** 6 wineries



*Credit: VinMaps.com. Map of the South Coast wine region and AVAs.*

Many of you will be pleased to know there are more wineries in the South Coast region to visit, taste, and buy from than we first imagined. This includes the rest of the state of California because the number of wine regions, originally four a few decades ago, continue to grow in number and expand in area, to the point where we are double that number, with eight wine regions at the present time.

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That's a good thing for many reasons, because it gives wine seekers and tourists an ever growing portfolio of California wineries to tour, taste, and buy wines from.

For most intrepid winery visitors, a journey to any one of these wine regions for wine tasting, at the very least, will take up most of your day, including commute time. Our advice is to pace yourself and limit the number of wineries to no more than three or four.

If you try to do more than that—your wine buzz will kick into high gear, and by the time, if not before, the last winery closes and you've completed your last wine sampling—your blood alcohol content could exceed the legal limit.

**Moderation is key. Don't drink and drive. Assign a designated driver.**

To cut down on commute time, and help you practice wine tasting closer to home, we've included urban wineries close by which take much less time to get to than the traditional wineries spread out throughout the countryside. If you're new to wine tasting, the urban tasting room is a great place to start wine tasting, learn about wines first hand, and have fun doing it.

## San Bernardino County Wine Region



The Cucamonga Valley AVA is located in the San Bernardino and Riverside counties in the eastern sprawl of Los Angeles. Once home to one of the largest areas under vine in California, Cucamonga Valley is now the site of just a handful of vineyards producing old-vine Zinfandel and port-style wines in the middle of suburbia.

The AVA covers the southern foothills of the imposing San Gabriel Mountain range and extends down to the Santa Ana River, which flows through the northwest corner of Riverside County. At establishment in 1995, Cucamonga Valley covers 109,400 acres (44,272 hectares), although with the proximity to the city of Los Angeles, small vineyards are now found nestled among houses, factories and airports.

Less than 1,000 acres (405 hectares) of vineyards remain, and these are under threat from the ongoing demand for land for development. A few hardy souls remain in the area producing rich, age-worthy wines made from Zinfandel, Mourvedre and Syrah and fortified wines made in the Sherry style.

### **Terroir**

Soils in the hot, desert-like valley are rocky and sandy, allowing for excellent drainage. The lack of water in the soils and the heat of the region mean that the grapes produced by the vines are smaller than normal, with thicker skins and more-concentrated flavors. This leads to a typical Cucamonga Valley wine style that is big and bold with firm, ripe tannins.

The climate here is Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Temperatures regularly reach 104 Fahrenheit (40 Celsius) throughout the summer. The region is impacted by the Santa Anas winds, of which can reach up to 80 miles per hour (128 km/hr). This is potentially detrimental throughout flowering and fruitset in the springtime.

### **History**

The valley was once an agricultural mecca, and at the beginning of Prohibition in 1920 had more acreage under vine than both Sonoma and Napa counties.

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Those days are long gone, and the regions has a handful of wineries to choose from.

Vines were first planted in Cucamonga in the 1830s, and the discovery of the region as a premium site for viticulture is largely credited to an Italian immigrant named Secondo Guasti from the wine-growing region of Piedmont. Recognizing the potential of the soils and the climate, he pioneered grape growing here with plantations of Zinfandel.

Grape growing continued throughout Prohibition and Cucamonga Zinfandel grapes were shipped all across the state for home winemaking, which was permitted under national law during this time. Prohibition finally ended in 1933. Even until the 1950s, the larger Los Angeles area was one of the largest agricultural areas in the United States.

### San Bernardino County Wineries A to Z

#### Argonza Cellars

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**Open:** Tue. thru Sat. 5 pm–9 pm. Established 2022.

**Amenities:** Tasting.

**Varietals:** Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel.

Argonza Cellars has worked to assemble and nurture a team that understands how to bring great wine to the table. While mostly a family owned and operated winery, many industry experts have joined Emerald Argonza and his wife Rowena.

#### Galleano Winery

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**Open:** Tue. thru Sun. 9 am–5 pm. Established 1948.

**Amenities:** Events, Picnic, Tasting, Tours.

**Varietals:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Chianti, Petite Sirah, Pinot Gris, Port, Riesling, Rose, Sherry, Sparkling Wine, Zinfandel.

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The Historic Galleano Winery was founded in 1927 by Domenico Galleano and is open daily for wine flights, wines by the glass, and wines by the bottle. Galleano is the oldest Prohibition-era winery in the Cucamonga Valley still owned by the family and operating at its original location.

### Joseph Filippi Winery

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**Open:** Tue. 12 pm–8 pm, Wed. & Thu. 12 pm–6 pm, Fri. & Sat. 12 pm–7 pm, Sun. 12 pm–6 pm. Established 1963.

**Amenities:** Events, Tasting.

**Varietals:** Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay Grenache, Merlot, Petite Sirah, Pinot Grigio, Port, Rose, Sangiovese, Sparkling Wine, Syrah, Zinfandel.

At Joseph Filippi Winery, history and tradition of the Filippi winegrowing family continues and flourishes today with each new vintage as 4th generation Joseph 'J.P.' Filippi and his son Jared build upon over 90 years in the historic Cucamonga-Guasti winegrowing area.

### North Cork Vineyard & Winery

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**Open:** Fri. 5 pm–10:30 pm, Sat. 4 pm–10:30 pm, Sun. 4 pm–9 pm. Established 2021.

**Amenities:** Food, Events, Music, Tasting, Weddings.

**Varietals:** Barbera, Chardonnay, Sangiovese Zinfandel.

We are a locally owned and operated boutique vineyard & winery. Situated on the picturesque North Bench of Yucaipa, we offer outdoor wine tastings with magnificent views of the valleys below.

### San Antonio Winery

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<https://sanantoniowinery.com/locations/los-angeles>

**Open:** Mon., Tue. & Thu. 9 pm–6 pm, Fri. thru Sun. 9 pm–7 pm. Established 1980.

**Amenities:** Events, Food, Tasting, Wine Club.

**Varietals:** Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Moscato, Pinot Noir, Rose, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Zinfandel.

Named the Inland Empire’s premier wine destination, the San Antonio Winery Ontario Tasting Room & Gift Shop has been faithfully serving guests for over 40 years. With a prestigious tasting room, and a casual Country Patio, the winery is Ontario’s hidden gem.

### Sycamore Ranch Vineyard & Winery

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**Open:** Reservations only on Fri. at 1 pm & 3 pm, Sat. & Sun. at 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm. Established 2022.

**Amenities:** Events, Food, Picnic, Tasting, Wine Club.

**Varietals:** Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Merlot, Mourvedre, Petite Sirah, Rose, Roussanne, Syrah, Viognier.

Winemaker Richard Krumwiede and his willing collaborators, have created a unique destination winery, producing award winning Rhone and Bordeaux varietals.

## Winery Maps & Resources



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However, if you prefer to print your own winery maps, please follow the links in the South Coast Winery Maps section directly below for that. For a list of all the printed winery maps published that can be purchased separately, please follow the links to their websites in the California Winery Maps section farther below.

### South Coast Winery Maps

**Map - Antelope Valley Winegrowers Association (AVWA):**

<https://www.avwinegrowers.org/>

**Map - Malibu Coast AVAs:** <https://www.malibucoastava.com/malibu-coast-wine-trail-map.html>

**Map - Ramona Valley Vineyard Association (RVVA):**

[https://ramonavalleyvineyards.com/directory?view=map&category=0&zoom=15&is\\_mile=1&directory\\_radius=0&p=1](https://ramonavalleyvineyards.com/directory?view=map&category=0&zoom=15&is_mile=1&directory_radius=0&p=1)

**Map - San Diego County Vintners Association:**

<https://sandiegowineries.org/explore/interactive-map>



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**Map - San Diego Winery Directory:** <https://sandiegowineries.directory/>

**Map - Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association (TVWA):**

<https://www.temeculawines.org/winery-map/>

**Map - Temecula Wineries De Portola Wine Trail:** <https://deportolawinetrail.com/>

**Map - Temecula Wineries:**

[https://www.google.com/search?q=temecula+winery+map&tbm=isch&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiB7OL\\_846AAxX2BOQIHZJAAzkQrNwCKAB6BQgBELkC&biw=1404&bih=641](https://www.google.com/search?q=temecula+winery+map&tbm=isch&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiB7OL_846AAxX2BOQIHZJAAzkQrNwCKAB6BQgBELkC&biw=1404&bih=641)

**Map - The Wineries on Highway 94:** <https://www.thewineriesonhighway94.com/plan-your-visit/tasting-trail-map/>

## South Coast Winery Resources

**Antelope Valley Winegrowers Association (AVWA):**

<https://www.avwinegrowers.org/Welcome.html>

**Los Angeles Vintners Association:** <https://www.lavintners.com/>

**Malibu Coast AVA:** <https://www.malibucoastava.com/>

**Ramona Valley Vineyard Association:** <https://ramonavalleyvineyards.com/>

**San Diego County Vintners Association:** <https://sandiegowineries.org/>

**San Diego Winery Directory:** <https://sandiegowineries.directory/>

**Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association:** <https://www.temeculawines.org/>

**Ventura County Winery Association:** <https://www.localwineevents.com/wine-food-and-drink-blogs/ventura-county-winery-association/1899>

## California Winery Maps

**Map - California AVA Updates:** <https://www.ttb.gov/wine/ava-map-explorer>

**Map - California AVAs by De Long Company:**

<https://www.delongwine.com/products/wine-map-of-california-digital-edition>

**Map - California Topography by Vineyards.com:** <https://vineyards.com/discover-database>

**Map - California Wine Regions by VinMaps.com:** <https://vinmaps.com/>

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**Map - California's Wine Growing Regions by the Wine Institute:**

<https://wineinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/CAWineMap.2019.18x24.V04Web.pdf>

### California Winery Resources

**Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC):** <https://www.abc.ca.gov/licensing/>

**American Viticultural Areas of California:** [https://wineinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/CA-AVAs\\_FINAL-FOR-WEBSITE\\_7.13.2023.pdf](https://wineinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/CA-AVAs_FINAL-FOR-WEBSITE_7.13.2023.pdf)

**Basic Wine Terminology:** <https://www.getbackbar.com/basic-wine-knowledge>

**California Association of Winegrape Growers:**

[https://www.cawg.org/Shared\\_Content/Resources/Regional\\_Associations.aspx](https://www.cawg.org/Shared_Content/Resources/Regional_Associations.aspx)

**California Corks Winery Directory:** <https://cacorks.com/>

**California Winery Advisor (CWA):** <https://californiawineryadvisor.com/red-wine-grapes-white-wine-grapes/>

**Early History of California Winemaking:**

<https://www.totalwine.com/discover/learn/california-wine-regions>

**Grape Varieties, List of White and Red Wine:** <https://www.winetraveler.com/grape-varieties/>

**State of the Wine Industry Report 2023:** <https://www.svb.com/trends-insights/reports/wine-report>

**USA Wine Label Information:** <https://www.wine-searcher.com/wine-label-usa>

**Wine Movies:** <https://www.sonoma.com/blog/best-wine-movies/>

**Wine Tasting Scorecards:** <https://www.wsetglobal.com/knowledge-centre/tasting-notes-app/>

**Women Winemakers of California:**

<https://webpages.scu.edu/womenwinemakers/wineriesaz.php>

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The South Coast wine region stretches from San Diego County and the border of Mexico on the south to Ventura County in the north. Today, every single county in Southern California has vineyards and wineries to check out. Visitors to the South Coast region’s 200 plus wineries should keep in mind that the wine grape varietals that grow in cooler areas on the coast are often quite different than those grown in warm inland valleys—so be sure to try wineries across the region.

The South Coast American Viticultural Area (AVA) includes grape-growing areas in six counties: San Diego, Riverside, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino. While there are microclimates throughout these counties that depend on your exact elevation and distance from the ocean, generally the South Coast boasts warm weather cooled down by coastal breezes.

This is the perfect climate for Chardonnay, the grape of choice in Southern California. Zinfandel also thrives in the area, and some very old Zinfandel vines are still being used. You can also find high-quality Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon produced in the region. Winemakers in the area are also experimenting with Rhone and Iberian grapes like other areas of California.

The South Coast wine region is further south than the wine regions in Europe, and in fact is closer in latitude to wine-producing regions in North Africa. While there are some vineyards in the warmer, inland valleys in the region, most vineyards in the South Coast are closer to the coast. The cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean helps to ensure that the grapes do not dry out.

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