

# CALIFORNIA'S WINEGROWING REGIONS

California is divided into more than 100 unique American Viticultural Areas, also known as AVAs. These federally regulated geographic boundaries tell the consumer where a wine's grapes were grown. There are four larger AVAs that encompass dozens of smaller ones. Some appellations are located in more than one county.

## NORTH COAST

- LAKE COUNTY**
1. Benmore Valley
  2. Clear Lake
  3. Guenoc Valley
  4. High Valley
  5. Red Hills Lake County
- MENDOCINO COUNTY**
6. Anderson Valley
  7. Cole Ranch
  8. Covelo
  9. Dos Rios
  10. McDowell Valley
  11. Mendocino
  12. Mendocino Ridge
  13. Potter Valley
  14. Redwood Valley
  15. Yorkville Highlands
- NAPA COUNTY**
16. Napa Valley (Includes 17-30)
  17. Chiles Valley
  18. Diamond Mountain
  19. Howell Mountain
  20. Los Carneros (Also in Sonoma Co.)
  21. Mount Veeder
  22. Atlas Peak
  23. Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley
  24. Oakville
  25. Rutherford
  26. Saint Helena
  27. Spring Mountain District
  28. Stags Leap District
  29. Wild Horse Valley (Also in Solano Co.)
  30. Yountville
- SOLANO COUNTY**
31. Clarksburg (Also in Sacramento and Yolo Co.)
  32. Solano County Green Valley
  33. Suisun Valley
- SONOMA COUNTY**
34. Alexander Valley
  35. Bennett Valley
  36. Chalk Hill
  37. Dry Creek Valley
  38. Knights Valley
  39. Northern Sonoma
  40. Rockpile
  41. Russian River Valley
  42. Sonoma Coast
  43. Sonoma County Green Valley
  44. Sonoma Mountain
  45. Sonoma Valley

## CENTRAL COAST

- ALAMEDA COUNTY**
67. Livermore Valley
  68. San Francisco Bay (Includes portions of Contra Costa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and Solano counties)
- MONTEREY COUNTY**
69. Arroyo Seco
  70. Carmel Valley
  71. Chalone (Also in San Benito Co.)
  72. Hames Valley
  73. Monterey
  74. San Antonio
  75. San Bernabe
  76. San Lucas
  77. Santa Lucia Highlands
- SAN BENITO COUNTY**
78. Cienega Valley
  79. Lime Kiln Valley
  80. Mount Harlan
  81. Pacheco Pass
  82. Paicines
  83. San Benito
- SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**
84. Arroyo Grande Valley
  85. Edna Valley
  86. Paso Robles
  87. Santa Maria Valley (Also in Santa Barbara Co.)
  88. York Mountain
- SAN MATEO COUNTY**
89. Santa Cruz Mountains (Also in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Co.)
- SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**
90. Santa Rita Hills
  91. Santa Ynez Valley
- SANTA CLARA COUNTY**
92. San Ysidro District
  93. Santa Clara Valley
- SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**
94. Ben Lomond Mountain

## SIERRA FOOTHILLS

- AMADOR COUNTY**
46. California Shenandoah Valley (Also in El Dorado Co.)
  47. Fiddletown
- EL DORADO COUNTY**
48. El Dorado
  49. Fair Play
- YUBA COUNTY**
50. North Yuba

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- HUMBOLDT COUNTY**
101. Willow Creek (Also in Trinity Co.)
- SISKIYOU COUNTY**
102. Seiad Valley
- TRINITY COUNTY**
103. Trinity Lakes

## CENTRAL VALLEY

- MADERA COUNTY**
51. Madera (Also in Fresno Co.)
- SACRAMENTO COUNTY**
52. Alta Mesa
  53. Borden Ranch (Also in San Joaquin Co.)
  54. Cosumnes River (Also in San Joaquin Co.)
  55. Jahant
  56. Lodi (Also in San Joaquin Co.)
  57. Sloughhouse
- SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**
58. Clements Hills
  59. Mokelumne River
  60. River Junction
  61. Tracy Hills (Also in Stanislaus Co.)
- STANISLAUS COUNTY**
62. Diablo Grande
  63. Salado Creek
- YOLO COUNTY**
64. Capay Valley
  65. Dunnigan Hills
  66. Merritt Island

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- LOS ANGELES COUNTY**
95. Saddle Rock-Malibu
  96. Malibu-Newton Canyon
- RIVERSIDE COUNTY**
97. Cucamonga Valley (Also in San Bernadino Co.)
  98. Temecula Valley
- SAN DIEGO COUNTY**
99. San Pasqual Valley
  100. Ramona Valley

## SOUTH COAST AVA

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