

# Welcome to the SONOMA VALLEY WINE REGIONS

SONOMA VALLEY is the largest of four appellations in southeastern Sonoma County, with over 15,000 acres of vineyards.

Also known as Valley of the Moon, it is open at both the north and south ends, which allows for the flow of cooler evening breezes. Soils are fertile and loamy with good moisture retention. Lead varietals include Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Zinfandel.

SONOMA MOUNTAIN is part of a range that runs along the western edge of the Valley of the Moon. Vineyards can attain elevations of up to 1,400 feet and are steep-sloped, composed largely of well-drained volcanic soil, with eastern exposures to catch the fog-free morning sun.

BENNETT VALLEY lies at the northwestern tip of Sonoma Valley, below three mountain peaks—Bennett Mountain, Taylor Mountain and Sonoma Mountain. With about 650 acres of vineyards, this is one of the smallest appellations in California.

It has well-drained bench land soils, where a number of varietals thrive, such as Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah.

LOS CARNEROS is bordered along the south by San Pablo Bay. The vineyards receive the cooling effects of the marine layer. Its climate compares to that of both the Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France.

Two types of soils predominate: the tan-colored, marine-derived and calcium-rich Haire and the blacker Diablo series formed by marsh sediments. Pinot Noir and Chardonnay represent a majority of 28 varietals grown here. Once a sheep-herding area, Los Carneros means “the rams” in Spanish.

