

Weekly Class Prep

Week 5-March 2, 2017—Wine of California

Complete the following information about the regions/appellations before class begins.

Country/Region/Appellation: USA / California, Sonoma County

Sub Appellations: There are 17 AVAs within Sonoma ...

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| 1. Alexander Valley | 8. Green Valley of Russian River Valley | 14. Russian River Valley |
| 2. Bennett Valley | 9. Knights Valley | 15. Sonoma Coast |
| 3. Carneros - Sonoma | 10. Moon Mountain | 16. Sonoma Mountain |
| 4. Chalk Hill | 11. Northern Sonoma | 17. Sonoma Valley |
| 5. Dry Creek Valley | 12. Pine Mountain - Cloverdale Peak | |
| 6. Fountaingrove District | 13. Rockpile | |
| 7. Fort Ross - Seaview | | |

<http://sonomawine.com> & (Book: pg. 709)



<http://www.sonomawinegrape.org/sonoma-county>

Grape variety:

Sonoma County is home to more than 60 diverse varieties for wine drinkers to discover. The most prevalent grape varieties are: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah. (Book-pg. 708)



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Climate:

Sonoma region varies from low, fog-covered valleys to sun-beaten hillside plots, as well as climate of warm days and cool nights. The variations in the climate influence each individual region in many ways. Areas closer to the coast tend to be somewhat cooler, while areas farther inland are warmer. (Book-pg. 706-708)

Soil: (<http://www.sonomacounty.com/articles/sonoma-wine-country>)

Sonoma County involves the wide-ranging nature of the soil. With the Mayacamas Mountains, the rolling hills of the Carneros, the Russian River Valley, coastal hills and other geographical differences. Sonoma County has more soil types than all of France, with soils ranging from rich and loamy to volcanic/rocky and well drained. The region's dramatic geological history has resulted in 11 major formation types, 31 different soil series within those types, and innumerable permutations within each series.

Viticulture:

Sonoma has 1 million acres (404,700 hectares) of land, making it more than two times bigger than its next-door neighbor Napa Valley. Sonoma's size and generally propitious climate, coupled with its highly variable topography and changes in altitude. Sonoma's viticultural areas (climate, soil, elevation, history and other definable boundaries) like viticultural areas throughout much of California have become increasingly specialized as vintners understand the fine points of matching grape variety to site. (Book-pg. 706-708)

Vinification:

Varieties of White and Red Wines... "The Sonoma Wines to Know" (Book-pg. 712-715)



Class Notes:

How to Read a Wine Label...

Producer/Brand Name: Smoke Tree

Region: "Sonoma County"

Variety: Chardonnay

Vintage: 2015

Interesting Fact: (<http://sonomawine.com/learn/wine-facts/>)

- 🍃 6% of the land is planted to vineyards
- 🍃 3 years from vineyard planting to first crop
- 🍃 60+ grape varieties grown in Sonoma County
- 🍃 255,635 tons of grapes harvested in 2014
- 🍃 500 – 2,000 vines planted per acre
- 🍃 1.5-7 tons of grapes produced per acre
- 🍃 295 bottles of wine in a barrel
- 🍃 30 pounds of grapes per case of wine
- 🍃 2.4 pounds of grapes in one bottle of wine



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