



Anderson Valley Vineyard Census

The Anderson Valley Appellation

The following census is from the 2019 survey.

Summary

In 2019, the Anderson Valley Winegrowers Association (AVWA) completed a full census of all bearing vineyards (2018) within the legal definition of the Anderson Valley appellation. Vineyards are identified through public records at the County of Mendocino, aerial photography, consultation with local vineyards management services, and through the AVWA membership lists.

Since the 2015 Census there are several new properties that don't appear on the Census because the vines aren't yet planted. The median vineyard size in Anderson Valley is still quite small. The Pinot Noir theme is not just dominant, but it is unique to all regions in CA. No other region has put so much focus onto a single varietal (there are only 7 properties that do not grow Pinot in the valley). Properties that grow only one varietal are 48% with 33% of properties growing two varietals. The remaining grow 3 or more varietals.

Key information compiled through the census is presented below. Inquires or questions should be directed to the Anderson Valley Winegrowers Association via e-mail: info@avwines.com.

Breakdown of Vineyard Properties:

Total Vineyard Properties: 90 (*owned by 69 Farmers*)

Total Planted Acres: 2,457

**Note: 7 known completely fallow properties are excluded from this analysis*

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Breakdown of Vineyard Properties:

Average vineyard property: 27.3 acres

Median vineyard property: 13 acres

Vineyard properties less than 5 acres: 26

Vineyard properties larger than 100 acres: 3

Varietal Acreage (based on a 100% sample)

Pinot Noir: 1698 acres

Chardonnay: 532 acres

Gewurztraminer: 100 acres

Merlot: 74 acres

Pinot Gris: 49 acres

Riesling: 25 acres

Varietal Property Count (based on a 100% sample)

Pinot Noir: 83 properties
Chardonnay: 28 properties
Pinot Gris: 15 properties
Gewurztraminer: 12 properties
Riesling: 7 properties
Syrah: 4 properties

Wine Permits:

There are approximately 30 bonded, local wineries in Anderson Valley
27 tastings rooms are open to the public or by appointment

Trends:

Varietals decreasing since 2010:

Riesling (-13 acres)

Varietals increasing since 2010:

Pinot Noir (+246 acres)

Chardonnay (+32 acres)

Gewurztraminer (+15 acres)

Fish-Friendly Farming Acres: Currently 1,800 acres as of 2019 (73% of total acreage)

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