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California Wine Country – So Much More Than Wine! Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake Counties



"...this is the chosen spot of all this earth as far as Nature is concerned." - Luther Burbank

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## Sonoma County

Sonoma County is not just a special place to grow world-class grapes and make great wines: It's one

of the most beautiful and resource-rich places on earth! Sonoma County is a million acres of small towns, back roads, pastures and vineyards, major highways, rustic inns and luxury resorts. Miles of pristine Pacific coastline and many other natural wonders are only the beginning of the story. With more than 50 miles of dramatic Pacific coastline, Sonoma County beckons those who love nature, outdoor activities and a love for the fresh salty air. Sonoma County is conveniently located 30 miles north of San Francisco. With over 200 award-winning wineries, scenic coastline and beaches, the mystical Russian River, majestic redwoods, 21 challenging golf courses, a thrilling road course and drag strip, more than 40 spas, fascinating museums, shopping, galleries, diverse festivals, farm markets and a variety of incredible eateries, why wouldn't you choose to live in Sonoma County?

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#### **HISTORY, CULTURE & DIVERSITY**

Sonoma County played a pivotal role in California's history. It was here that the northern expansion of Spain met the southern expansion of Russia on the Pacific Coast and marked the limit of expansion for both countries. It was in Sonoma County that American settlers staged the famed Bear Flag revolt that led to California's joining the United States, and it was here that the California wine industry was born. Our cities and smaller communities all boast memorials to this rich and varied history.

Richard Florida's study of America's best cities, entitled "Who's your city?" lists Santa Rosa, the County seat, as one of the top 5 small cities in the country. It ranks among the top 5 in the following categories: "Cities for young singles", "Cities for Empty Nesters", "Cities for Retirees" and "Cities for Gays and Lesbians".

For Music buffs, Sonoma County is home to the newly-opened Green Music Center with its 1,400-seat Joan and Sanford I. Weill Hall, acoustically designed to rival great venues such as Boston Symphony Hall and Vienna Musikvereinssaal. It embodies the acoustical attributes of Seiji Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood; however, it surpasses its predecessor in terms of flexibility and comfort, while reducing its operating carbon footprint.



**DRINK IN THE HOMEGROWN ATMOSPHERE AT MAYACAMAS GOLF CLUB** ~ August 2008 "Between Santa Rosa and Healdsburg, this gated development quickly has become a premiere golf community with its Jack Nicklaus signature course." - "USA Today"



#### EDUCATION IN SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County boasts an impressive array of educational opportunities, including reputable K-12 schools, technical and trade schools, a community college, 4-year university, and a number of graduate programs.





The Amgen Bicycle Tour of California

Sonoma Valley vineyards and ranch

### LIVING & WORKING IN SONOMA COUNTY

Business Week ranked Santa Rosa 14th out of 364 in best places to live for Generation Y'ers. This was attributed to Santa Rosa's high number of creative professionals and singles concentrated in a small region.

When people come to Sonoma County they do not just encounter numerous growing industries and business ventures, but a community of people striving to improve their quality of living. Whether it be creating a welcoming community to raise a family or a culturally stimulating environment to dine and socialize, Sonoma County is home to numerous endeavors to sustain a balance between living and working. Some of the many reasons people chose to call Sonoma County home include: beautiful serene surroundings, safe communities, an array of social and cultural activities and much more.

Outdoor enthusiasts have a wide range of activities to choose from: golf, kayaking, surfing, horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, boating and fishing to name a few. We are graced with 11 state parks and 46 county regional parks and marinas.

We are blessed with amazing diversity of foods and produce, along with chefs who take full advantage of Sonoma's bounty. Add to that our relaxed and friendly vibe and it all converges here.

Sonoma County boasts a variety of neighborhoods and residential communities, from the sleepy beach town of Bodega Bay to the college town of Rohnert Park. Cities in Sonoma County include: Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Healdsburg, Sebastopol, Windsor, Kenwood, Guerneville, Glen Ellen, Sonoma, Cloverdale and Cotati.

A short drive will take any County resident far from the traffic jams and hectic pace of the workday life, where they can explore a wealth of recreational opportunities found at the beautiful white sand beaches, or in the county's dense, unspoiled forests, filled with clear, pristine bays, creeks and rivers. The varied natural resources of the area and the subtropical climate provide an atmosphere where residents can choose from an abundance of recreational activities, including water sports, hunting, camping, tennis and golf.

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#### NAPA COUNTY

America's legendary wine, food and wellness destination. The Napa Valley is home to the founders of America's fine wine industry - legendary entrepreneurs who showed the world that the high art of winemaking had crossed continents. The very word Napa stands for 'Land of Plenty,' the original meaning given to the region by its first inhabitants, the Wappo Indians. The Valley itself is one of the most rare and



precious agricultural preserves on earth - a place that moves in perfect synchrony with the seasons. In addition to being recognized as one of the "Great Wine Capitals of the World," The Napa Valley is prized for its natural beauty, phenomenal culinary scene, world-class accommodations, and one-of-a-kind spa experiences including the region's famed mud baths and mineral hot springs.

The Napa Valley lies between the Mayacamas Mountains and the Howell Mountain Range within the County of Napa in the state of California. It is located 50 miles (80km) north of San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge, and 45 miles (75km) south of Sacramento. There are 6 unique regions within The Valley, and each contributes to the total wine and food, natural beauty, and wellness experiences that have made The Napa Valley a world-renowned destination. From north to south our communities are: Calistoga, St. Helena, Yountville, the City of Napa, Lake Berryessa, and American Canyon.

The Napa Valley is a collection of small towns & villages. Each unique community is a perfect place to call home. The County has an area of 500,000 acres and only about 0.4% of California's labor force and personal income. Yet it has earned a worldwide reputation for quality. Over 85 restaurants have set the standard for world-class culinary experiences. Natural geothermal springs and volcanic mud baths, some of the world's finest spas. Manicured vineyards invite you to explore the wineries of The Napa Valley. Captivating museums focusing on regional and national culinary pursuits including the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, as well as smaller, intriguing museums such as the Sharpsteen Museum and The Napa Valley Museum. The Napa Valley Wine Train is a gourmet dining experience that recreates the elegance of bygone days on beautifully restored Pulman dining cars. For those who like to shop, charming shopping experiences are available in each of The Napa Valley's distinctive and historic hamlets. Cultural events take place over 180 days throughout the year and range from an intimate size of 50 people to festival size of 10,000.

#### **MENDOCINO COUNTY**

Mendocino County, where rugged coastline, breathtaking beaches, picturesque villages, majestic redwood forests and America's Greenest Wine Region beckon you to escape to a slower pace.

Combining the best of the outdoors with the finest aspects of living well, Mendocino County embodies the very best that California and Mother Nature has to offer. Come

sit by the fire, savor a delicious Mendocino vintage,

stare up into a mighty redwood tree or watch migrating whales from the porch of one of our unique inns. Serenity and wilderness plus indulgence and enjoyment all await you, just a couple hours north of the San Francisco Bay Area where you'll feel so far away from it all.



#### LAKE COUNTY

With pine-covered mountain forests, California's largest natural freshwater lake teeming with fish and fowl, spring wildflower-covered fields, country back-roads with farm stands offering locally grown produce; Lake County is a wonderland of natural and rural beauty.

Dotted with vineyards, orchards, and charming small towns, stunning vistas and



spectacular scenery greet you at every turn in Lake County. A destination for the outdoor enthusiast with a wide range of trails for hiking, biking, and off-road adventures and many lakes for fishing, kayaking, bird watching, and wakeboarding; for the nature lover with parks, preserves, and open space for viewing and photographing many types of birds, animals, and native plants; for the history buff with numerous museums, landmarks, pioneer towns, and Pomo culture; photographic moments are just a click away...

#### **AIRPORTS SERVING THE AREA**

San Francisco, Oakland, and Sacramento International Airports are each approximately 60-90 miles away, and can be reached in just over one hours driving time.

Conveniently located in the heart of Northern California's spectacular Wine Country, Charles M. Schulz - Sonoma County Airport is located approximately 65 miles north of San Francisco, 4 miles north of Santa Rosa, 35 miles west of Napa and has non-stop service to and from Los Angeles, Portland, San Diego, and Seattle.\* STS is just a short walk from ground transportation and affordable



parking. The Napa County Airport welcomes many charter flights and private jets up to 120,000 pounds. Dual tandem wheels and/or a G-5 can be accommodated.

\* www.sonomacountyairport.org/los-angeles www.sonomacountyairport.org/san-diego www.sonomacountyairport.org/portland www.sonomacountyairport.org/seattle

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