



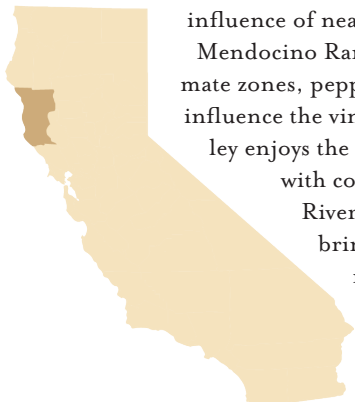
Mendocino County

HISTORY

Winemaking came to Mendocino County in the suitcases of Italian immigrants back in the mid-1800s. Many farmers built their lives on the fertile soils of California but the Italians settling on the green hillside saw rocky soils ideal for grapes and put down roots that would eventually define the region. Today, Mendocino is still in the hands of family farmers, many of whom go back multiple generations, with a shared commitment to land stewardship and outstanding wine.

GEOGRAPHY:

Mendocino County is one of the largest and most climatically diverse wine-growing regions in California, and that's no small feat! The Mayacamas Mountains form the eastern border of the county, protecting the valley from the influence of nearby Clear Lake. Within the county, the Mendocino Range divides the area into two larger climate zones, peppered with their own mesoclimates that influence the vines in unique ways. The Anderson Valley enjoys the slings and arrows of the Pacific Ocean, with cooling fog drifting in along the Navarro River to blanket the valley. Higher elevation brings warm pockets to coddle warmer varietals. Soils tend toward deep alluvial, with gravelly loam near the rivers and scree on the surrounding slopes.



CLIMATE:

Two distinct climate zones rule Mendocino County, split by the Mendocino Range. To the west, Mendocino Ridge, Anderson Valley, and the Yorkville Highlands find a maritime climate influenced by the Pacific Ocean. East of the range, a warmer, Mediterranean climate follows the path of the Russian River, dotted with a handful of regions including Mendocino AVA itself.

GRAPES:

Diverse climate and geography make for a diverse range of grapes in a region that pulls down about 2% of the state's yearly crush. Chardonnay leads the way, followed by California's darling, Cabernet Sauvignon. Pinot Noir thrives alongside Chardonnay in the cooler AVAs, most notably Anderson Valley. There's a reason Champagne house Louis Roederer selected it for their California operation.

WINE CHARACTER:

Mendocino boasts the highest percentage of certified organic and biodynamic grapes in the nation, which speaks to a greater attitude in terms of land stewardship and dedicated farming practices. Family-owned wineries abound, with deep roots and a tenacious commitment to quality above all other considerations. The wines may be diverse, from spicy, old-vine Zins to cool, crisp sparkling, but they shine with serious, craft quality at surprisingly good prices.





2020 Bonterra 'The Butler Vineyard' Red Blend

APPELLATION:

Mendocino County, California

VARIETALS:

63% Syrah, 18% Petite Sirah, 12% Mourvèdre,
6% Grenache, 1% Viognier

VINEYARD:

Butler Ranch

WINEMAKER:

Jeff Cichocki & Sebastian Donoso

AGING:

14 months French oak, 12% new

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2036

ACCOLADES:

95 pts – Wine Enthusiast

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Grilled Ribeye Steak with Truffle Mashed Potatoes

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1051066 | \$59.95

DESCRIPTION:

Named “Bonterra,” meaning “good earth,” the vineyard perfectly embodies its essence. Established in 1990 at the Fetzer winery in Mendocino County, California, Bonterra is an early adopter of organic viticulture, now a leading brand using 100% organic grapes. Committed to 30 years of organic and 20 years of biodynamic farming, Bonterra prioritizes sustainability, earning the Wine Enthusiast’s 2016 American Winery of the Year. Their portfolio showcases widely available, organically farmed wines and sought-after single-vineyard offerings, reflecting a legacy of thoughtful wine growing and a deep connection to nature.

TASTING NOTES:

“Big, broad aromas of black fruit, black pepper, and wood smoke give way to well-saturated black cherries, tar, and singed rosemary flavors in this dramatic and concentrated wine made from Biodynamic grapes. Tightly knit tannins add great structure to the mouthfeel, setting the wine up for a long life.” – *Wine Enthusiast*





2020 Lichen 'Moonglow' Pinot Noir

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley, California

VARIETAL:

100% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD:

Estate

WINEMAKER:

Douglas Stewart

AGING:

12 months in new and neutral French 500L puncheons,
six months in neutral oak 228L barrels

ALCOHOL:

14.2%

BEST FROM:

Enjoy now through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Wild Mushroom and Barley Risotto

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1053373 | \$49.95

DESCRIPTION:

Nestled amid rolling vineyards, Lichen Winery stands as a boutique gem, celebrating nature's artistry through elegant wine craftsmanship that harmonizes tradition with innovation. Surrounded by lush landscapes, it offers a sanctuary for wine enthusiasts seeking tranquility. Although Lichen Estate officially emerged as one of Anderson Valley's newest wineries in 2014, its roots trace back to 2000 when owners Doug and Ana Lucia Stewart purchased the land. Having previously operated under Breggo Cellars, the Stewarts, founded Lichen as a Pinot-only house. Despite the modern branding, the farmhouse-style tasting room, adorned with modesty, provides a serene setting for enjoying their exceptional wines.

TASTING NOTES:

Experience a captivating symphony of flavors in this inviting wine. Aromas of raspberry, pomegranate, and cherry cordial mix with hints of cocoa powder, pencil shavings, and black tea. Each sip unveils brown sugar atop a bowl of cherries, complemented by notes of strawberry pastry and exotic Indian spices. Deliciously fleshy, this wine offers a sensory journey that lingers on the palate.





2022 Breggo 'Ferrington Vineyard' Chardonnay

APPELLATION:

Anderson Valley, California

VARIETAL:

100% Chardonnay

VINEYARD:

Ferrington Vineyard

WINEMAKERS:

Ryan Hodgins and Sarah Green

AGING:

14 months in neutral French oak
plus one new French puncheon

ALCOHOL:

13%

BEST FROM:

Now through 2030

ULTIMATE FOOD PAIRING:

Dungeness crab curry with garlic noodles

ORDERING INFO:

SKU 1053374 | \$59.95

DESCRIPTION:

Introducing Breggo Wines, a fascinating exploration of Anderson Valley's viticultural legacy. In Boontling, 'Breggo' translates to 'sheep,' a nod to its history as a former sheep ranch turned vineyard. Co-owners Douglas Ian Stewart and Ana Lucia Benitez-Stewart, with diverse backgrounds, meticulously crafted wines with character. Committed to excellence, Breggo stands poised to become a standout in Anderson Valley, offering terroir-driven Pinot Noir from prestigious vineyards like Ferrington, Savoy, and Donnelly Creek. Embark on an educational journey, discovering the unique narratives and flavors that Breggo expertly captures in each bottle.

TASTING NOTES:

Delight in the 2022 Breggo 'Ferrington Vineyard' Chardonnay with its enchanting aromas. The nose opens with notes of clover, apple blossom, and hints of orange peel, complemented by a subtle undertone of honeycomb and custard. The palate reveals a harmonious dance of baked apple and pear, leading to a zesty finish with the refreshing essence of lime meringue. This Chardonnay is a symphony of flavors, offering a sophisticated and well-balanced tasting experience.

