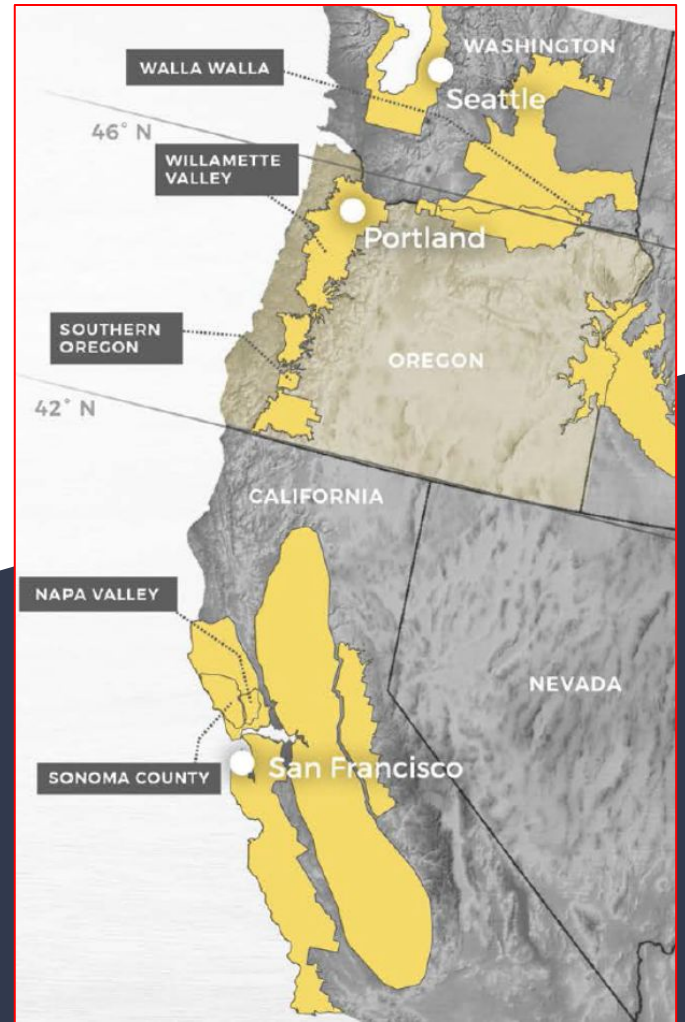


Cab X 6: Regional Expressions of Cabernet Sauvignon in CA & WA

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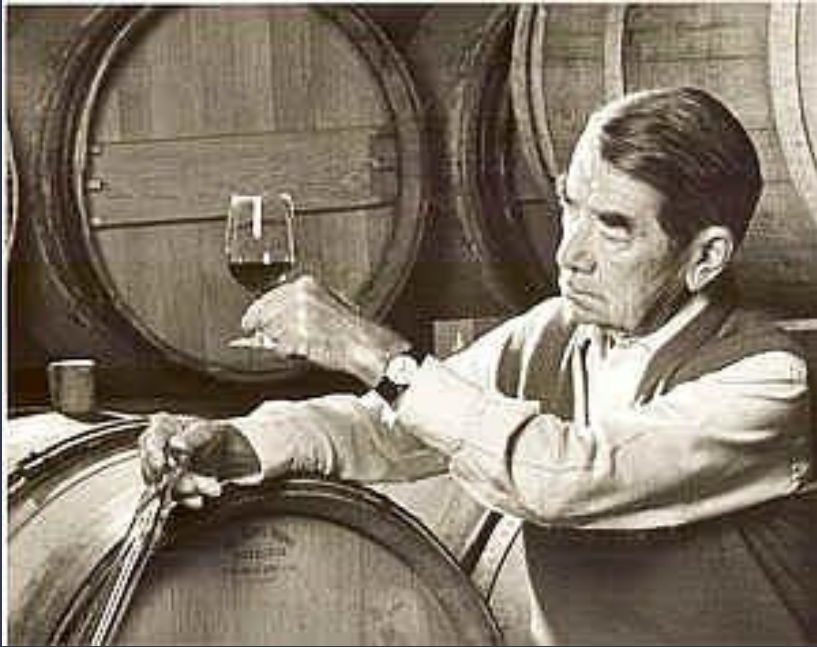
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Journey Up the Coast with Cab!

1. Ground Effect Wine Company, Santa Ynez
2. Brady Vineyard, Paseo Robles
3. Set in Stone, Sonoma County
4. Hatcher, El Dorado County
5. Orsianna, Mendocino County
6. Gravel Bar, Columbia Valley, WA





“God made Cabernet
Sauvignon....The Devil
made Pinot Noir.”

-- Andre Tchelistcheff

A Little About Cabernet Sauvignon



- Relatively young varietal.
- Offspring of Cabernet Franc + Sauvignon Blanc - An accidental natural crossing in the 17th Century, probably in Southwest France.
- Was soon adopted across France, as it was durable and easier to grow than other varietals.
- Soon became the champion of Bordeaux, and quickly spreading around the world.
- Global leader for most of the 20th century, surpassed by Merlot in the 1990s, only to regain prominence in 2015.



Some Cab Facts

- Relatively easy to grow,
 - Thrives in both moderately cool to hot climates.
 - Loves warm, well-draining top soils
 - Highly vigorous vines with high yields
 - Late budding and late harvest
 - Relatively disease & rot resistant
- California & Washington have diverse climates, ranging from cool to very hot, with Cabernet found in:
 - California: Everywhere, but major areas are
 - North Coast
 - Central Coast
 - Lodi
 - Sierra Foothills
 - Washington
 - Columbia Valley

Cab in CA & WA

Grape Varietal by Rank	Acreage	% Total
1. Cabernet Sauvignon	18,608	34%
2. Merlot	9,071	16%
3. Chardonnay	7,782	14%
4. Riesling	6,695	12%
5. Syrah	4,572	8%
6. Pinot Gris	2,123	4%
7. Sauvignon Blanc	1,451	3%
8. Cabernet Franc	685	1.3%
9. Malbec	579	1.1%
10. Pinot Noir	507	1.0%

Source: USDA, 2017

CA Wine Acreage	Acres	% of Total
Chardonnay	93,400	25.37%
Cabernet Sauvignon	91,800	24.94%
Pinot Noir	45,300	12.31%
Zinfandel	43,200	11.74%
French Colombard	18,900	5.13%
Pinot Gris	16,800	4.56%
Syrah	16,400	4.46%
Merlot	16,100	4.37%
Sauvignon Blanc	14,800	4.02%
Petite Sirah	11,400	3.10%

Cabernet Sav Wine: What We Expect

- Overall Aromas & Flavors
 - Black Fruits: black cherries, currants, plums
 - Bell pepper & herbal, especially in cooler climates
 - Eucalyptus, tobacco, cassis, graphite
 - Oak Flavors: Cedar, vanilla, baking spices
 - With bottle age: dried fruit, tobacco, leather



Hot Climate Cabs

- Hot climates produce more alcohol and body
- Less acid
- Riper, jammy, cooked fruit flavors



Cooler Climate Cabs

- Pyrazines: bell pepper aromas
- Dried herbs
- More acid, less alcohol
- Less jammy, less intense fruit flavors

Ground Effect Wine Company 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

Santa Barbara County
Santa Ynez Valley AVA



- Grapes come from different vineyards in the Santa Ynez and Happy Valley AVAs
- Santa Ynez is a long, east-west corridor with cool temperatures in the west, getting hotter as you go east. Cab is mostly grown in the hotter eastern regions.
- Happy Valley is the eastern most AVA, and the hottest of the region.

2018 Vintage

14.5% ABV

pH 3.65

Appellation - Santa Ynez Valley

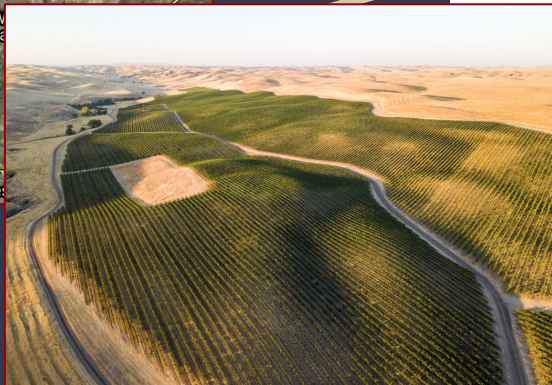
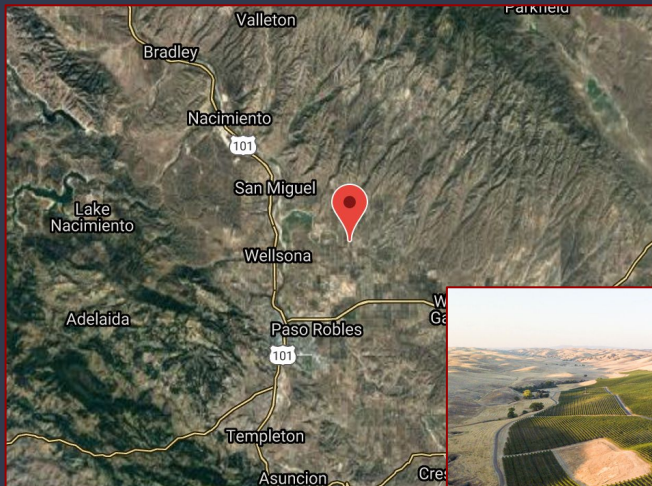
Blend: 95% Cab Sav
3% Cab Franc
2% Malbec

14 months aged, 15% New French Oak



Brady Vineyard 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

Paseo Robles, Estrella District
Winemaker: Don Brady



- Paseo Robles is an AVA in San Luis Obispo County
- Vineyard is in the Estrella District - one of the larger 11 sub-AVAs in Paseo
- Cool breezes & morning fog is common. Can get hot in the day, but always have cool nights which helps retain acid
- Megar, gravelly soils that form from the alluvial terrace overlooking the Estrella River
- Vineyards are on the bench overlooking Estrella.
- High density Cabernet plantings.
- Leaf pull on the sun side - never on the south side, to help shade the grapes.
- Fermented in stainless, aged in barrels
 - Barrels made mountain grown Slovenia oak, adds baking spices - think Christmas spices!

85% Cabernet Sauvignon

7% Cabernet Franc

6% Syrah: roundness & fruit

2% Petite Sirah: brings power, color, and tannins

15% ABV

pH 3.72

Set in Stone, 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

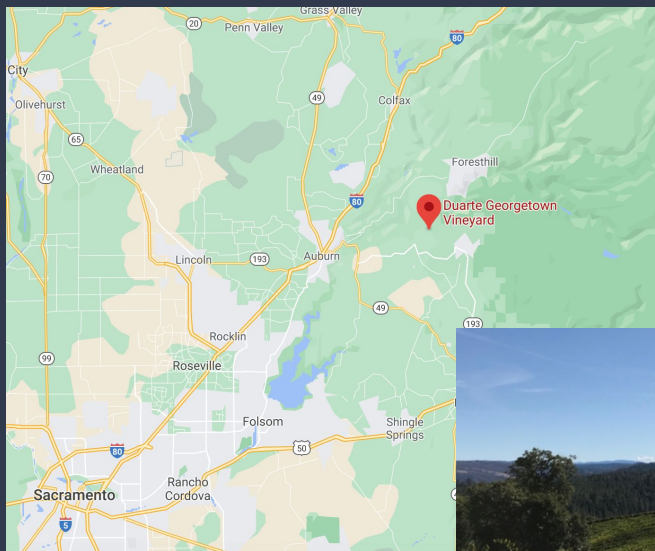
- 7-acre parcel east of Geyserville in the heart of Alexander Valley, where Cab is King!
- Vineyard is east-facing, so gets the hotter afternoon sun and full ripening of the Cab grapes
- Berries are smaller and less dense. Winemaker is looking for a higher skin to pulp ratio, to give it “more power...more weight.”
- Vineyard is noted for its volcanic rocks – gravelly well-drained soil.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
14.4% ABV



Hatcher 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

Sierra Foothills, El Dorado County



- About El Dorado AVA:
 - El Dorado has variety of micro climates - from hot and dry to some cooler areas due to altitude.
 - Produce everything from Gewurztraminer to Cab and Barbera.
 - Wine production came with the Gold Rush, and by 1870 El Dorado was one of California's largest wine producing regions until the 1920s and prohibition. 1970s saw the beginnings of a comeback.
 - Today, El Dorado has over 2,000 acres planted, over 50 wineries to vines, and became an AVA in 1983.
 - Produces bold wines, and is known for reds!
- Hatcher 2017 Cab - fruit is from the Duarte Georgetown Vineyards - located at 2,400'.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon
45 day extended maceration
30 months in American Oak: 20% new
14.2% ABV

Orisanna 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Mendocino AVA



- Mendocino County is one of CA's largest and climatically diverse AVAs.
- Many similarities with Napa & Sonoma - same volcanic and tectonic forces shaped them both.
- Part of the larger North Coast AVA.
- Has highest % of organic vineyards in CA
- Orsianna Cab comes from cool-climate vineyards with riverbed soil, maritime influence, in the Mendocino AVA
- Goal was to make a cool-climate Cabernet to counter the higher-alcohol, fruit and oak-driven counterparts, moving away from "bigger is better"

Gravel Bar 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley, WA
Joshua Maloney, Winemaker



- Grapes come primarily from Wahluke Slope AVA in the Columbia Valley.
- Warmest region in WA, known for red varietals.
- Cab noted for ripe fruit with black cherries & cassis, with rich, jammy juicy fruit vs. super high tannins.
- Gravel Bar was founded in 1985 with a mission to “deliver quality Washington wines at an affordable price that anyone can enjoy.”

Vintage 2017

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

14.5% ABV

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