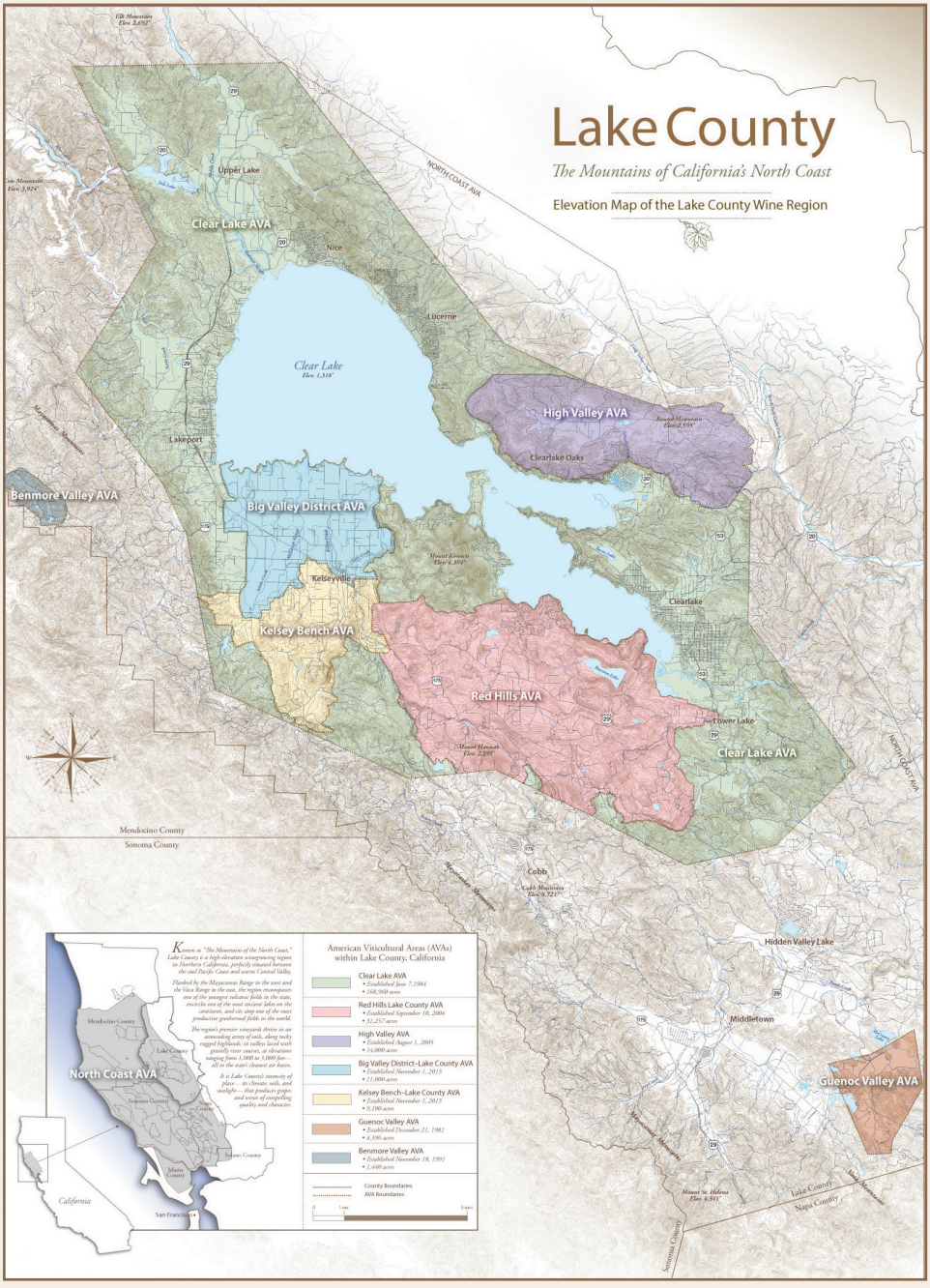
Lake County
SOMM CAMP

June 4, 2017 - June 7, 2017


Lake County
The Mountains of California's North Coast
Elevation Map of the Lake County Wine Region
Clear Lake AVA
Upper Lake
Nice
Lucerne
Clear Lake
Elev. 1,318'
High Valley AVA
Clearlake Oaks
Lakeport
Benmore Valley AVA
Big Valley District AVA
Kelseyville
Kelsey Bench AVA
Red Hills AVA
Clearlake
Lower Lake
Clear Lake AVA
NORTH COAST AVA
Mendocino County
Sonoma County
Cobb
Hidden Valley Lake
Middletown
Guenoc Valley AVA
Lake County
Napa County
North Coast AVA
California
San Francisco
American Viticultural Areas (AVAs)
within Lake County, California
Clear Lake AVA
• Established June 7, 1984
• 168,368 acres
Red Hills Lake County AVA
• Established September 19, 2006
• 31,257 acres
High Valley AVA
• Established August 1, 2005
• 14,000 acres
Big Valley District–Lake County AVA
• Established November 1, 2013
• 11,000 acres
Kelsey Bench–Lake County AVA
• Established November 1, 2013
• 9,200 acres
Guenoc Valley AVA
• Established December 21, 1981
• 6,596 acres
Benmore Valley AVA
• Established November 18, 1991
• 1,449 acres
County Boundaries
AVA Boundaries
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5 miles

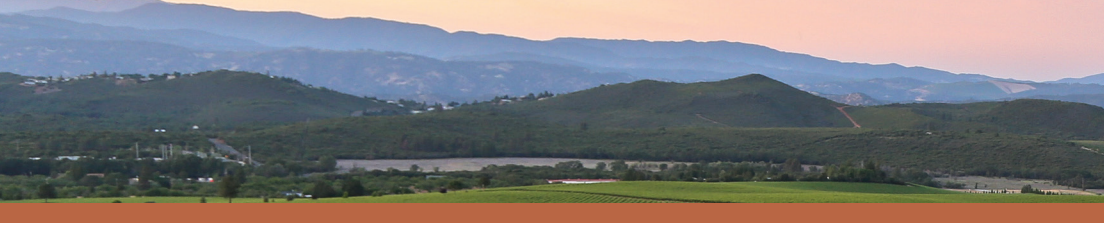
Welcome to Lake County

In the heart of Northern California's Coastal Range, Lake County's 9,500 acres of vineyard grace the valleys, terraces, and ridges of a remarkable landscape. With Clear Lake at its center, the viticultural region spans a range of terrain shaped by volcanic and tectonic forces.

The recipe for producing great winegrapes in Lake County is simple: air, land, sun, water, and people.

- The purest air in California.
- Among the highest elevations, with most vineyards planted above 1,500' and some as high as 3,000' in elevation.
- Intense sun, with up to 10% more ultraviolet light than in regions at or near sea level, leading to thicker skins and a higher concentration of phenolics.
- Colder winters, low humidity, and summertime temperature swings asmuch as 50° from high to low, creating the conditions for vines to thrive while producing exceptionally complex flavors.
- And of course, the people. Lake County winegrape growers combine the latest technologies with traditional viticultural practices, emphasizing long-term sustainability for the environment and the region.

The combination of altitude, climate, soils, the careful selection of winegrape varieties, and an emphasis on sustainability permits Lake County growers to achieve a nearly perfect union of site and variety.



SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

5:30 pm	**Welcome Reception, Blue Wing Saloon** Focus on Rhône and varietals other than Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon
6:30 pm	**Dinner, Courtyard at the Blue Wing Saloon**

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

7:30 am	Light morning snacks available, Tallman Hotel
8:00 am	Shuttles depart hotel for Adobe Creek Ranch
8:30 am	**Breakfast with U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, Adobe Creek Ranch**
9:30 am	**Sauvignon Blanc Vineyard Tour, Big Valley District-Lake County AVA** Focus on canopy management *Hosted by: Mark Burch, Winemaker, Chacewater; Gregory Graham, Winemaker/Proprietor, Gregory Graham Wines; David Weiss, Owner, Rooster Vineyard and Bella Vista Farming* Vineyards: Adobe Creek Ranch, Zoller Vineyard, Windrem Vineyard
10:15 am	**Sauvignon Blanc Tasting, Windrem Vineyard**
10:45 am	Shuttles depart for Brassfield Estate
11:45 am	**Technical Tasting: Lake County Sauvignon Blanc at Brassfield Estate Winery** *Led by Matt Hughes, Winemaker, Brassfield Estate, and Mark Burch, Winemaker, Chacewater*
12:30 pm	**Brassfield Estate Vineyard Tour, High Valley AVA** *Led by Jonathan Walters, Director of Farming, Brassfield Estate*
1:15 pm	**Lunch, Brassfield Estate**
2:15 pm	**Brassfield Cave Tour and Barrel Tasting**
3:00 pm	Shuttles depart for Shannon Ridge
3:30 pm	**Shannon Ridge Vineyard Tour and Tasting at La Sierra and Historic Winery**
5:00 pm	**Reception, Sheep Camp at Shannon Ridge**
6:00 pm	**Dinner, Sheep Camp at Shannon Ridge** *Hosted by Clay Shannon, President/CEO, Shannon Ridge*
8:00 pm	Shuttles depart for hotel

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017

7:30 am	**Breakfast, Tallman Hotel**
8:30 am	Shuttles depart for Obsidian Ridge Vineyard, Red Hills, Lake County AVA
9:00 am	**Obsidian Ridge Vineyard Tour and Presentation of "The Elevation of Wine"** *Hosted by Peter Molnar, Founding Partner, Obsidian Ridge*
10:30 am	Shuttles depart for Boatique Winery
11:00 am	**Technical Tasting: Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon and Other Bordeaux Varietals at Boatique Winery** *Led by Matt Hughes, Winemaker, Brassfield Estate; David and Katherine DeSante, Winemakers, Dancing Crow Vineyards*
11:45 am	Shuttles depart for Beckstoffer Vineyards
12:00 pm	**Lunch, Beckstoffer Vineyards' Amber Knolls** *Hosted by Andy Beckstoffer, Founder/Chairman, Beckstoffer Vineyards*
1:15 pm	Shuttles depart for Beckstoffer Vineyards' Crimson Ridge
1:30 pm	**Exploration of Volcanic Soils at Beckstoffer Vineyards' Crimson Ridge** *Led by Randy Krag, Vineyard Manager, Beckstoffer Vineyards*
2:30 pm	Shuttles depart for Six Sigma Ranch & Winery
3:15 pm	**Six Sigma Ranch & Winery Pinzgauer Tour to the Top of Diamond Mine Vineyard Plus "10 Years of Tempranillo" Vertical Tasting** *Led by Kaj Ahlmann, Owner, and Christian Ahlmann, Vice President, Six Sigma*
5:30 pm	**Reception, Six Sigma Ranch & Winery**
6:00 pm	**Dinner, Six Sigma Ranch & Winery** *Hosted by Kaj Ahlmann, Owner, and Christian Ahlmann, Vice President, Six Sigma*
8:00 pm	Shuttles depart for hotel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

8:00 am	**Breakfast, Tallman Hotel**
	Optional Morning Excursion

Tallman Hotel and Blue Wing Saloon Restaurant

Upper Lake

The historic Tallman Hotel re-opened its doors to guests in 2006 after nearly 40 years of neglect. Decorated in the "East Lake" style, this fully restored boutique hotel features 17 unique rooms, a sun-washed sitting parlor, and an elegant, period-furnished dining room with hand-painted walls. Adjacent the hotel is the Blue Wing Saloon Restaurant, a full-service restaurant and bar serving delicious gourmet pub fare year-round.

www.tallmanhotel.com

Adobe Creek Ranch

Big Valley District – Lake County AVA

Hosts: The Honorable Mike Thompson, U.S. Representative of California's Fifth District, and Mrs. Thompson

- Breakfast
- Sauvignon Blanc Vineyard Tour of Big Valley District – Lake County AVA
  Led by Mark Burch, Winemaker, Chacewater; David Weiss, Owner, Rooster Vineyard and Bella Vista Farming
- Vineyard Stops:
  Adobe Creek Ranch
  Zoller Vineyard
  Windrem Vineyard

Brassfield Estate

High Valley AVA

Hosts: Matt Hughes, Director of Winemaking; Jonathan Walters, Director of Farming

Located in California's remote High Valley Appellation, Brassfield Estate Winery's unique microclimates with their rare diversity of soils produce grapes of uncommon quality. Nurtured by renowned consulting winemaker David Ramey, and supported by an unrelenting commitment to continual improvement and sustainable farming practices, Brassfield's estate-grown, produced, and bottled wines provide a memorable experience at exceptional value.

www.brassfieldestate.com

- Technical Tasting: Lake County Sauvignon Blanc
  Led by Matt Hughes (Brassfield Estate) and Mark Burch (Chacewater)
- Brassfield Estate Vineyard Tour
  Led by Jonathan Walters
- Lunch in the Secret Garden
- Brassfield Cave Tour and Barrel Tasting
  Led by Matt Hughes

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Shannon Ridge Family of Wines

High Valley AVA

Host: Clay Shannon, President/CEO

The team at Shannon Ridge is dedicated to creating a family of wines that consumers love at top-quality and affordable prices. We are passionate about preserving the land, not only for great vineyard sites, but for the wild creatures that share the property. Shannon Ridge sustainability practices integrate a flock of sheep that clean the vineyards, remove the excess canopy, and reduce the need for chemicals, while providing natural fertilizer. Wine brands include Shannon Ridge High Elevation, Shannon Reserve, High Valley, Playtime, Buck Shack, and Vigilance.

www.shannonridge.com

- Vineyard Tour and Tasting with Stops at La Sierra and Historic Winery
- Reception and Dinner at Sheep Camp at Shannon Ridge

Obsidian Ridge

Red Hills Lake County AVA

Host: Peter Molnar, Co-founder/Partner

Planted along a ridge at the highest part of the Mayacamas Mountains, 105 acres of Obsidian Ridge Vineyard rise from 2,300' to 2,640' in elevation and range from 5% to 20% slopes. The contours of the mountainside influence how we prune, water, balance the canopy, and pick the fruit—shaping every aspect of how we farm and vinify.

www.obsidianridge.com

- Vineyard Tour
- Discussion on "The Elevation of Wine"

Boatique Winery

Red Hills Lake County AVA

Hosts: Robert and Madi Mount, Owners

Boatique Winery is a unique, family-owned winery, tasting room, and antique wooden boat showroom located in the picturesque Red Hills Appellation of Lake County. Owners Robert and Madi Mount started their adventure into winemaking after producing a highly acclaimed Zinfandel from a one-acre vineyard at their home in Santa Rosa. Their love for Lake County spans decades of family excursions filled with adventures both on and off the water.

www.boatiquewines.com

- Technical Tasting: Lake County Cabernet Sauvignon and Other Bordeaux Varietals
  Led by Matt Hughes (Brassfield Estate) and David & Katharine DeSante (Dancing Crow Vineyards)

Beckstoffer Vineyards

Red Hills Lake County AVA

Host: Andy Beckstoffer, Founder/Chairman

Beckstoffer Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown on the high-elevation hillsides of the Red Hills of Lake County produce wines of exceptional character from three distinct vineyards: Amber Knolls, Amber Knolls West, and Crimson Ridge.

www.beckstoffervineyards.com

- Lunch at Beckstoffer Vineyards' Amber Knolls
- Exploration of Volcanic Soils at Beckstoffer Vineyards' Crimson Ridge
  Led by Randy Krag, Vineyard Manager

Six Sigma Ranch & Winery

Lake County AVA

Host: Kaj and Else Ahlmann, Proprietors, and Christian Ahlmann, Vice President

Six Sigma Ranch and Winery combines the old-world art of making wine with the science of data-driven Six Sigma principles. Our team works hard toward one common goal: Making wine of extraordinary quality at an affordable price. We use Six Sigma principles in every stage of the business, including vineyard site selection, grapevine root stock and clone selection, pruning, harvest, fermentation management, aging, and customer feedback.

www.sixsigmaranch.com

- Pinzgauer Vineyard Tour to Diamond Mine Vineyard
  Led by Kaj Ahlmann and Christian Ahlmann
- 10 Years of Tempranillo Tasting
- Ranch-to-Table Dinner

CALDWELL RANCH
CIRCLE O 4/5
KEEKER RANCH
MANZANITA GAP 2.4
MIKE PIKE 2½
OGULIN RANCH ½
Terre Vermeille .1mi
Sheep Camp 1⅓ miles
BETSY VINEYARD 1.7
La Sierra Vineyard 0.4

Lake County Winegrape Commission

Now in its 25th year, the Lake County Winegrape Commission (LCWC) has been instrumental in developing the Lake County region's unwavering commitment to farming high-quality winegrapes. A state agency with oversight by the California Department of Food & Agriculture, LCWC represents approximately 180 winegrape growers farming more than 9,500 acres of vineyards in Lake County and works on behalf of those growers in the areas of marketing, research, and education. For more information, call (707) 279-2633.

www.lakecountywinegrape.org
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Technical Tasting: Lake County Sauvignon Blanc

1. **2016 Brassfield Estate Sauvignon Blanc**
   Vineyard: High Serenity Ranch
   AVA: High Valley
   ABV: 13.6%
   TA: 6.5 g/L
   pH: 3.30
   Retail Price: $17

2. **2015 Dancing Crow Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc**
   AVA: Big Valley District-Lake County
   ABV: 12.3%
   TA: 8.0 g/L
   pH: 3.40
   Retail Price: $18

3. **2015 Six Sigma Sauvignon Blanc**
   AVA: Lake County
   ABV: 13.4%
   TA: 6.8 g/L
   pH: 3.19
   Retail Price: $18

4. 2016 Vigilance Sauvignon Blanc
AVA: Red Hills, Lake County
ABV: 13.9%
TA: 6.2 g/L
RS: 0.15
pH: 3.31
Retail Price: $20

5. 2016 Shannon Ridge Sauvignon Blanc
AVA: Lake County
ABV: 13.8%
TA: 6.3 g/L
RS: 0.39
pH: 3.16
Retail Price: $18

6. 2016 High Valley Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc
AVA: High Valley
ABV: 13.9%
TA: 6.1 g/L
RS: 0.17
pH: 3.10
Retail Price: $24

7. 2016 Pech Merle Sauvignon Blanc
AVA: Big Valley District-Lake County
ABV: 13.5%
Retail Price: $19

8. 2016 Oro En Paz Sauvignon Blanc
Vineyard: Luchsinger Vineyard
AVA: Big Valley District-Lake County
ABV: 12.9%
TA: 6.6 g/L
pH: 3.59
Retail Price: $18

9. 2016 Chacewater Sauvignon Blanc, Organically Grown
Vineyard: Windrem Vineyards
AVA: Big Valley District-Lake County
ABV: 13.8%
TA: 6.8 g/L
RS: .25
pH: 3.33
Retail Price: $18

10. 2015 Gregory Graham Sauvignon Blanc
Vineyard: Windrem Vineyards
AVA: Big Valley District-Lake County
ABV: 13.5%
TA: 7.4 g/L
RS: 0.25
pH: 3.37
Retail Price: $20

11. 2016 Boatique Sauvignon Blanc Musque
AVA: Red Hills
ABV: 14.1%
pH: 3.15
RS: 9g
Retail Price: $20

12. 2016 Brassfield Estate Reserve Sauvignon Blanc
Vineyard: High Serenity Ranch
AVA: High Valley
ABV: 14.1%
TA: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.41
Retail Price: $20

13. **2014 Steele Cabernet Franc**
AVA: Lake County
Oak: 14 months in American and French oak (30% new)
ABV: 13.8%
TA: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.65
Retail Price: $19

14. **2013 Chacewater Malbec**
AVA: Red Hills, Lake County
Oak: 20 months French oak
ABV: 14.5%
TA: 5.3 g/L
RS: .3
pH: 3.94
Retail Price: $25

15. **2014 Shed Horn Cabernet Sauvignon**
AVA: Lake County
Oak: 20 months in French oak
ABV: 13.8%
TA: 6.5 g/L
RS: .35
pH: 3.70
Retail Price: $29

16. **2013 Langtry Cabernet Sauvignon**
Vineyard: Tephra Ridge Vineyards,
AVA: Lake County
Oak: 3 years, 2 months in French and American oak
ABV: 14.6%
TA: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.60
Retail Price: $40

17. **2014 Steele Cabernet Sauvignon**
Vineyard: Beckstoffer Vineyards
AVA: Red Hills Lake County
Oak: 18 months in French/American Hybrid oak
ABV: 14.7%
TA: 6.2 g/L
RS: .30
pH: 3.56
Retail Price: $26

18. **2014 Dancing Crow Cabernet Sauvignon**
AVA: Red Hills, Lake County
Oak: 6 months in French oak (25% new)
ABV: 14.3%
TA: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.68
Retail Price: $24

19. 2014 Obsidian Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA: Red Hills, Lake County
Oak: 18 months in Hungarian oak
ABV: 14.8%
TA: 5.68 g/L
pH: 3.82
Retail Price: $30

20. 2014 High Valley Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard: Betsy's Vineyard
AVA: High Valley
Oak: 18 months in 60% French oak and 40% American oak
ABV: 14.4%
TA: 5.3 g/L
pH: 3.64
Retail Price: $30

21. 2014 Brassfield Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
AVA: High Valley
Oak: French and Hungarian oak barrels (50% new and 50% neutral)
ABV: 14.7%
TA: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.87
Retail Price: $45

22. 2013 Six Sigma Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Lake County
Oak: 24 months in new French Oak
ABV: 14.5%
TA: 6.5 g/L
pH: 3.82
Retail Price: $45

23. 2010 Cache Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Lake County
Oak: 22 months in 80% French oak and 20% American oak
ABV: 14.5%
TA: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.71
Retail Price: $30

24. 2009 Alienor Grand Vin

AVA: Lake County
Oak: 24 months in French oak (75% new)
Varietals: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot
ABV: 13.8%
TA: 4.0 g/L
pH: 3.9
Retail Price: $65

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