



# The Wines of California

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- A comprehensive guide to one of the greatest wine regions in the world.
- Perfect for all wine students, professionals and the wine-curious
- Colour maps and photographs

A concise, complete, smartly delivered and cohesive book for serious readers and students of wine. Focusing on the world's fourth largest producer of wine – California – the book takes readers on a journey through the golden state's wines, paying due attention to famous regions such as Sonoma and Napa as well as introducing readers to exciting up-and-coming regions to explore.

The book is divided into three major sections. The first presents the key ideas that help make sense of California wine as a whole, including the history of California wine in brief, how the topography delivers California's overarching climatic and soil conditions, and the basics of vineyard and winery factors relevant to the state such as the role of the AVA.

The second section takes each major region in turn and looks into its history, growing conditions and varieties, as well as discussing the most significant and interesting producers. A final section looks at current themes in Californian wine and discusses the future of the industry across the state.

- Explains all the state's AVAs, examining the development, growing conditions and varietal trends for each.
- Profiles the main producers and individuals shaping the wine industry today.
- A useful reference on California that also provides alternative insights and insider knowledge.
- Author Elaine Chukan Brown is a prolific commentator on the wines of California and a speaker at events around the globe.
- Supported by colour maps and photos.

**Elaine Chukan Brown** is a writer, speaker, and global wine educator. Brown is the Napa Valley specialist for *Wine Enthusiast* and previously served as the Executive Editor US for JancisRobinson.com, a columnist for *Decanter* magazine, and a contributing writer to *Wine & Spirits* magazine. They contributed to both the 4th and 5th editions of *Oxford Companion to Wine*, the 8th edition of the *World Atlas of Wine*, and the compilations *On Burgundy* and *On California* from Académie du Vin Library. Indigenous (Inupiaq and Unangan-Sugpiaq) from what is now Alaska, Brown has dedicated their career to the intersection of sustainability, climate action, and reducing gatekeeping in the wine industry. They co-founded the Diversity in Wine Leadership Forum and have advised diversity initiatives in multiple countries. Brown serves as a judge for the Texsom Awards, head judge for the 67 Pall Mall Communicator Awards, and is a board member of the Wine Writer Symposium.