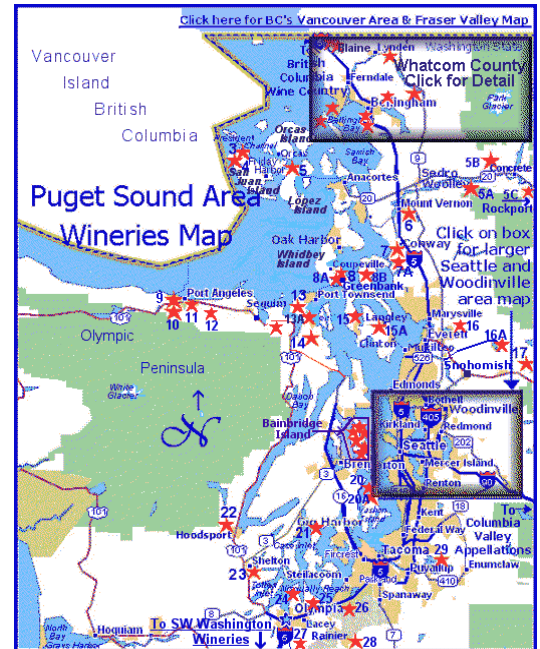


# Puget Sound AVA

- Established in 1995. 100 acres of vineyards.
- The only AVA in the state of Washington located west of the Cascade Mountains. The Puget Sound AVA stretches from southern British Columbia to Eugene, Oregon.
- The Puget Sound region is further north than most of the growing regions in Europe, giving us very long growing days during the summer helping us ripen our grapes successfully
- 1% of the state's vinifera grapes grow in this region. This includes the islands and mainland adjoining the waters of Puget Sound and extends east into the Cascade foothills. The other 99% comes from areas inside the Columbia Valley AVA.
- There are around 100 different wineries located in the Puget Sound AVA, but the majority source grapes from the Columbia Valley and other regions east of the Cascade Mountains.
- Other regions that are climatically comparable to the Puget Sound include the Willamette Valley in Oregon, the Northern Rhine valley in Germany, the Loire valley, near Nantes (Muscadet), Champagne and the Chablis regions of France.
- The influences of the Puget Sound with long sunlight hours are ideal for growing delicate and aromatic v. vinifera.
- **Soil:** Semi-permeable cemented subsoil. This allows the deep-rooted vines to survive the late summer soil water deficiencies.
- **Climate:** Maritime climate characterized by wet, mild winters and dry summers. Temperatures are moderated by the ocean and the Puget Sound so the region doesn't have the extreme temperature swings found in the Columbia Valley. Because of the abundant sunshine, relatively cool temperatures and dry summers, Puget Sound grapes attain a purity of varietal flavors found almost nowhere else in the world. 37" of rainfall annually. "There is a general misconception that the Puget Sound is rainy and gray throughout the year" (<http://pugetsoundwine.org>). The AVA receives lesser amounts of rainfall and more sunshine in the most important growing months of April- October.
- **Grape Varieties:** The most widely planted varieties are Madeleine Angevine, Siegerrebe, Muller-Thurgau, Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. There are smaller plantings of Melon, Chasselas, Regent and Chardonnay. Experiments are being conducted with varieties such as Regent, St. Laurent, Zweigelt, Dornfelder and Garanoir.
- **Puget Sound Vineyards:** 12 vineyards.
  - Alli-Lanphear Vineyard, Vashon Island
  - Anderson Island Vineyards, Anderson Island
  - Devorah Creek Vineyards
  - Iazole Acres, Roy
  - Kaspirsin Ridge Vineyard, Whidbey Island
  - Little Mountain Vineyard, Mount Vernon
  - Marrowstone Vineyards, Nordland
  - Maury Island Vineyards, Vashon/Maury Island
  - Misty Isle Vineyard, Grapeview
  - Rocky Prairie Vineyard, Olympia
  - Sequim Vineyards, Sequim
  - Stretch Island Vineyard, Grapeview



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