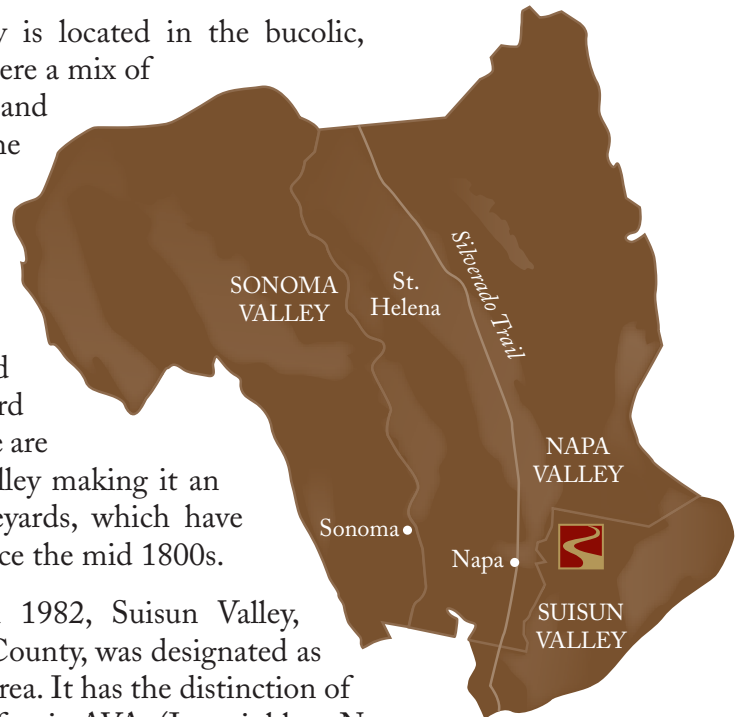




Blossoming mustard plant in early morning

THE SUISUN VALLEY APPELLATION

Ledgewood Creek Winery is located in the bucolic, unspoiled Suisun Valley where a mix of vineyards, orchards, crops, and grazing cattle invite the visitor to pause and enjoy a different pace of life. The Valley is a broad plain that nestles between rolling hills to the west and north. Suisun, pronounced *Sue Soon*, is an Indian word meaning West Wind. These are the winds that cool the Valley making it an ideal environment for vineyards, which have thrived in Suisun Valley since the mid 1800s.



Twenty-five years ago, in 1982, Suisun Valley, located in western Solano County, was designated as an American Viticultural Area. It has the distinction of being the 12th official California AVA. (Its neighbor, Napa Valley, was formed in 1981.) One year later, the 15,000-acre Suisun Valley AVA was included in the 1983 formation of the North Coast Appellation. The latter combines Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties, plus Suisun Valley, Green Valley and parts of Lake and Marin counties into an all encompassing ultra premium growing region that enjoys worldwide recognition.

The Valley is approximately eight miles long and three miles wide. It is estimated that 3,000 acres are planted to vines. It is a cool climate region, very similar to Carneros, but without the fog. The soils, which vary somewhat across the Valley, are rich and deep. Winemakers in nearby Napa and Sonoma have sought after grapes grown in Suisun Valley for decades. In recent years, wineries have begun to flourish in the Valley with Ledgewood Creek Winery playing the leading role.



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