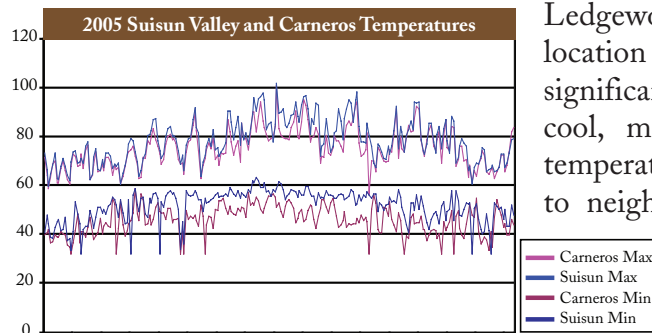


Vineyard at sunset

THE PERFECT PLACE FOR GRAPES

Suisun Valley is a unique viticulture area with an amazing concentration of microclimates. Suisun shares a border with Napa Valley, and its climate parallels the cool climate Carneros region that straddles the southern end of Napa and Sonoma Valleys. The effects of sea breezes from San Pablo and Grizzly Bays ensure cool evening and night temperatures, but the fog does not cross the hills to the west resulting in generous amounts of daytime sunshine.



Ledgewood Creek Winery & Vineyards' location within the Valley is particularly significant as a gap in the hills allows the cool, moist breeze to create a large temperature differential when compared to neighboring vineyards to the north and south. Warmer daytime temperatures are ameliorated by the cooling effect of the Bays in the afternoon and

evening, often creating a drop in temperature of as much as 30 degrees. Such wide daily temperature variation results in longer hang time and more even ripening for the grapes. This is especially desirable for developing flavor and color in red wines. Thus Ledgewood Creek's terroir is an expression of our distinct microclimate within the Suisun Valley.

The area of the valley plain where the vineyards flourish is quite wide and there is little variance in the sandy clay-loam. A uniformly high water table delays the need for irrigation until late July. The combination of rich soil and plentiful water results in vines with high growth potential. We use specific trellising and canopy management techniques to maintain balance between the abundant plant foliage and the amount of fruit.

Owner Dean Frisbie believes in sustainable farming practices.

Site-specific cover crops are employed to replace nutrients and limit the need for additional fertilizer. The absence of fog and typical drying breezes, especially during the growing season from May to October, make it an ideal environment for our vineyards.

The cover crop not only replaces nutrients but it provides abundant food for native wild life. To further enhance the inherent eco system, Ledgewood Creek's vineyards are dotted with owl boxes that are welcome nesting places for barn owl families. The owls vie with hawks and eagles for food, keeping the vineyards clear of pests that cause damage to root systems. The rural nature of the area, and the proximity of the Suisun marsh to the south, results in a high diversity of bird species in the area. The eagles and hawks circling lazily over the vineyards are an enjoyable sight for our visitors relaxing on the tasting room patio. They might also be treated to the spectacle of a family of shy coyotes wandering among the vines.



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