



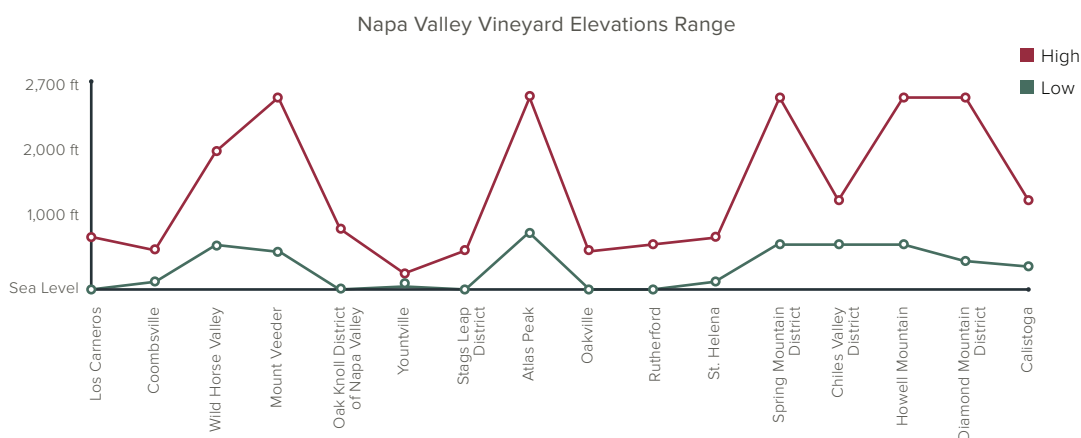
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Napa Valley's combination of **diverse soils**, **ideal climate** and **varied terrain** are perfectly suited to producing a wide variety of consistent, high-quality wines.

Napa Valley has some of the greatest soil diversity found in any wine region in the world. Soils act as the building block in determining the quality of premium wine grapes. Napa Valley contains more than 100 soil variations, 33 soil series and half the world's soil orders.

The climate is classified as Mediterranean, which encompasses just 2 percent of the earth's surface. The long, dry growing season is marked by warm days and cool nights influenced by a recurring pattern of marine fog, ideal for wine grapes to ripen slowly, evenly and with great balance. Lack of summer rainfall contributes to vintage consistency and reduces the risk of vineyard disease.

The region's topography ranges from sea-level estuaries in the south to the river valley with alluvial fans and rolling hills in the middle, which then lead to nearly 3,000 foot mountains on either side. Grapes are cultivated from the fertile valley floor to as high as 2,600 feet on the hillsides within the AVA.



**2%** Napa Valley has a Mediterranean climate which is found in just 2% of the world

**50%** of the world's soil orders found in Napa Valley

