

SUENRAM VINEYARD

RED HILLS - LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1974



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Vineyard:

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Suenram Vineyard is located on the mountain slopes of Red Hills - Lake County, California

We are dedicated to sustainable farming practices allowing us to produce the finest mountain fruit possible. The volcanic terroir of our vineyard gives Winemakers a full flavor palette to work with.

Soils

Over 90% of the soils in Red Hills are of volcanic origin from neighboring Mount Konocti, producing well-drained earth that is rich in black obsidian and gravel content, and strikingly red in color.

The shallow depth and rich mineral content of the soils create an ideal environment for growing Cabernet Sauvignon and Zinfandel grapes.

Elevation

In contrast to the more rugged topography found throughout most of Lake County, Red Hills is an area of gently sloping, rolling terrain, with elevations ranging from 1,400 to 3,000 feet above sea level. The cooling afternoon breezes found at

these moderate elevations contribute to the favorable growing conditions of the region.

Weather

The Red Hills appellation benefits from a unique diurnal temperature pattern, with hot days tempered by afternoon winds that can cool nighttime temperatures by as much as 50 degrees. During the growing season daytime temperatures easily reach 90 degrees and above, but cool down each afternoon from breezes created by the sloping elevation changes around Mount Konocti and offshore winds from Clear Lake. The cool nights help preserve the acidity of the grapes and slow the ripening process, enhancing the flavor and complexity of the product.



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The Suenram Family are pioneers in the Red Hills district. Starting with Rob's dad, who was one of the first to clear land in the area and plant walnuts in the late 1940's. Now with the 3rd generation of Sara (Hanson), Daniel and Becky involved this truly makes this a family run business that includes organic Walnuts, a small herd of Angus cows , and Winegrapes.

Red Hills - Lake County

The Red Hills appellation lies along the southwestern shores of Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California. Designated Lake County's newest AVA in September 2004, Red Hills sits at the foot of the ancient volcano Mount Konocti, and extends from Big Valley on the west to Excelsior Valley on the east. On its southern edge, Red Hills is bounded by the high volcanic peaks of the Mayacamas Mountains. The rolling volcanic terrain of the region is in dramatic contrast to the wider valleys and higher mountains of the surrounding viticultural areas of Lake County.

The Red Hills District is located entirely within the larger Clear Lake AVA, which fully surrounds Clear Lake and in turn lies entirely within the North Coast AVA. Red Hills is considered a sub-appellation of both the Clear Lake and North Coast AVAs. Of the 31,250 acres or 49 square miles in the Red Hills District, approximately 3,000 acres are currently planted to wine grapes.

Our Neighbors in the Red Hills Appellation

The Red Hills District growers are well respected for their commitment to grape quality and modern growing technology. Notable neighboring vineyards in our area include Bartolucci, Beckstoffer, Beringer Blass, Kendall-Jackson, Red Hill Vineyards, Roumiguere, Rolling Knolls, Snows Lake, and Tredway Vineyards. All of these growers are leaders in developing and using sustainable winegrowing methods.

SUENRAM VINEYARD FACT SHEET:

CABERNET SAUVIGNON	ZINFANDEL
CLONE #7 AND #8 ROOTSTOCK #110R	CLONE #6 ROOTSTOCK #110R
20 ACRES ON VERTICAL TRELLIS AVERAGING 4 TO 5 TONS PER ACRE	10 ACRES ON VERTICAL TRELLIS AVERAGING 5 TONS PER ACRE
AVERAGE BRIX = 24 HARVESTED 1ST OF OCTOBER	AVERAGE BRIX = 26 HARVESTED LATE SEPTEMBER