

# The Yorkville Highlands Appellation

A Sense of Place



YORKVILLE HIGHLANDS

Ask the growers and winemakers of Yorkville Highlands why this region is so special, and you will hear, “the strong sense of place”. Each vintner has a story of how and why they chose this region. And, it is this sense of place that is the driving force to create wines that reflect its unique terroir.

Located in the foothills of the Anderson Valley and less than five miles from the Alexander Valley, the region’s elevation, soil, and relationship to the coast set Yorkville Highlands apart from its neighbors. Proximity to the ocean provides cooling afternoon breezes that flow throughout the region’s bench lands. The slightly inland location and higher elevation (between 1,000 and 2,200 feet) mean warmer days and a morning fog which burns off earlier in the day.

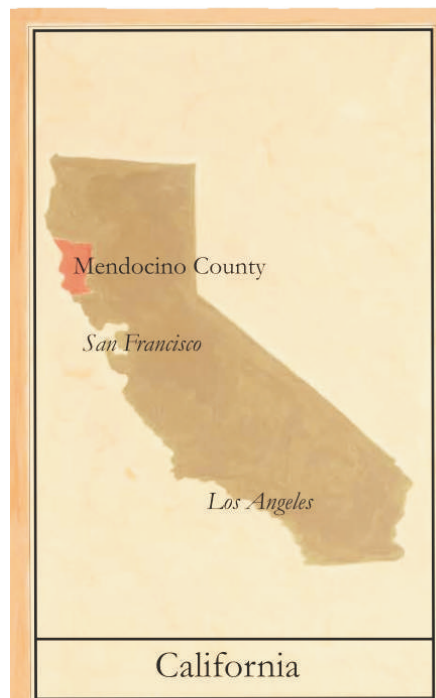
The bench land vines benefit from this cooling effect, which protects the fruit from over-ripening and causes some of the coldest evening temperatures along the North Coast. These frigid nighttime conditions are essential for preserving grape acidity. The moderated temperatures allow for an extended growing season. Mature tannins in the red wines are the result; they are long and complex without being overpowering. Yorkville Highland’s fruit ripens evenly, with acidity, structure, and richness balancing the wines of the appellation.

Yorkville Highland’s soils also play an instrumental role in grape development. The gravel and ancient, brittle rock characteristics found in the thin soils on the high benches force the vines to dig deep and explains the mineral characteristic of many Yorkville Highlands wines.

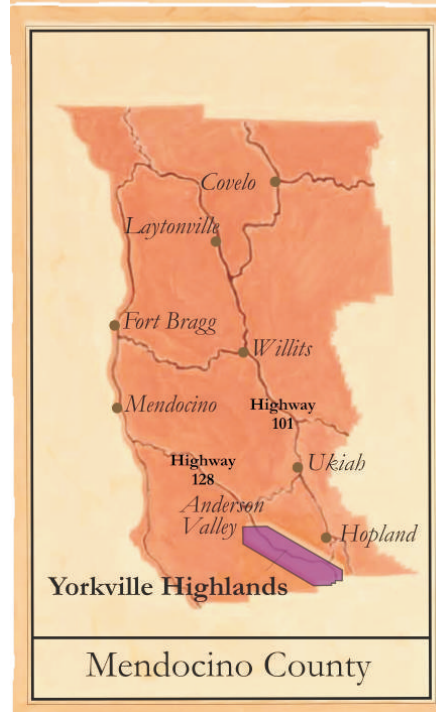
But quality in the Highlands extends beyond the grape or the wine – it speaks to the way of life of the grower and winemaker, both individually and collectively. The region’s wineries are all family owned and managed. Phone any of the region’s tasting rooms and you will most likely hear the owner on the other end. That is, unless the owner is out in the field personally tending the vines.

As with all appellations, Yorkville Highlands is often defined by the consistency and quality of the excellent wine it produces. But to those who really appreciate this appellation, they know it is defined by the passion and quality of the growers and winemakers that call it home.

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