



FIVE ALEXANDER VALLEY FACTS

DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ The majority of the fruit used in making the winning Chardonnay at the 1976 Judgment in Paris came from the Alexander Valley.
- ❖ The Alexander Valley is one of the largest and certainly one of the most diverse AVAs in Sonoma County. Located at the northern end of Sonoma County and brimming with unmatched beauty and rugged, breathtaking vistas, the Alexander Valley is 22 miles long and varies in width from two to seven miles. On the hillsides to the east and west, and adjacent to the beautiful Russian River winding along the valley floor, the valley is home to a diversity of microclimates that support the growth of many wine grape varieties: Our world-class Cabernet Sauvignon grapes thrive from the valley all the way up to the rolling hillsides and mountain ridges. Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot fruit flourish, as well as Zinfandel and Rhone varieties, including Syrah and Viognier.
- ❖ Cabernet Sauvignon is the leading grape variety in the Alexander Valley with more than 6,000 acres currently planted to this classic Bordeaux varietal, out of a possible 15,000 acres – almost half.
- ❖ The Russian River, which runs through the entire appellation before heading out to the coast, together with volcanic activity has impacted our soils for optimal grape growing. Soil types range from volcanic ash to gravelly alluvial fans to silty sedimentary soils, all depending upon where you are along the 22 mile range north to south or the 200 to 2,000 feet in growing elevation.
- ❖ Since 1846, Alexander Valley has produced wines of distinct quality and character, reflective of their origins. The Alexander Valley Winegrowers invite you to taste our wines, spend time in the grandeur of our valley and celebrate our way of life.