



THE LAND

Great wines can't be made just anywhere – the best winegrowing regions boast a certain balance of warm days and cool nights, sufficient rain fall at the appropriate times, well drained sediments and soils and levels of solar energy that can ripen grapes without pushing them in sugar overdose or shriveling them into raisins. The correlation of wine character and soil type are well documented. Terroir and wine are connected.

Kenefick Ranch Vineyards are located in Napa Valley's northern most AVA – Calistoga. The diverse topography ranges from steep mountains to valley floor making Calistoga entirely unique to other Napa Valley AVA's. Almost completely of volcanic origin, the soils range from rocky, stony loam on the hill-sides, to gravelly or cobbly loams on the alluvial fans, and heavier clay-silt soils in the valley center areas. Volcanic soils yield more minerals for limiting nutrients that grapes need and allow for better drainage which is better for root development. Further, thinner volcanic soils lead to less green growth and more concentration of flavor within the berries. As a reputable grower, we're able to control vine quality and produce consistent flavors and characters within small vineyard blocks.

Calistoga AVA is cooled by air currents in from the Russian River. The hot air from the Calistoga AVA rises and mixes with the cooling breezes from the Pacific Ocean in the late afternoons until after sunset, cooling the valley floor to about 65 degrees. In addition, cooling breezes flow down the slopes of both the Vaca and Mayacamas mountains, and on fog free nights, the cool air moving downslope can bring the temperatures down another 12-15 degrees.

For nearly 25 years, Kenefick Ranch has sold its fruit to a "whose who" list of the Napa Valley vintners. In 2000, Tom retired from neurosurgery and with the best 10% of his fruit, Kenefick Ranch began producing and selling its own portfolio of award-winning wines. Today – complemented by advanced vineyard techniques and state-of-the-art wine-making – Kenefick Ranch is still reminiscent of the working ranch it was during the nascent days of the Napa Valley. The vineyards are sustainably farmed All field work including harvesting is done by hand. All water for irrigation is runoff during the rainy season and stored in one of three reservoirs.

