

# **So You Think You Know Wine**

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So You Think You Know Washington State Wines? (2016-17) Margues Vickers, 2016-08-27 So You Think You Know Washington State Wines is designed to simplify your understanding by identifying growing trends grape descriptions and the history of Washington wine production The edition profiles the 15 top wine grapes and the unique aspects of the state s growing sectors The 62 page edition is idea for wine collectors winemakers and anyone who appreciates a world class Washington vintage The following are just seventeen from hundreds of little known facts about Washington wines and the 2015 grape harvest 1 Washington is the second largest producer of premium table wine in the United States behind California Washington's harvest comparatively represents only 6% of the overall California production levels 2 Washington's red grape varietals harvested 112 8 thousand tons in 2015 The closest California equivalent was the San Luis Obispo Santa Barbara and Ventura County 3 The State of Washington harvested 222 thousand tons of wine grapes during the 2015 harvest down 2 2% overall from the previous year The deficit was attributed to the excessive heat conditions and a reduced Cascade Mountain snowpack 4 Red varietal grapes account for 51% of the total production and actually increased yields by 5% during the 2015 harvest 5 Cabernet Sauvignon was the top producing grape during 2015 with 47 400 tons representing 21% of the overall harvest Cabernet Sauvignon had the largest growth rate 6 White Riesling was the top white wine and second most overall produced grape with 44 100 tons accounting for 20% of the total Washington produces more White Riesling than any other state 7 Chardonnay was the third most produced grape with 42 000 tons Merlot fourth with 35 200 tons and Syrah fifth with 16 000 tons 8 Grenache Noir is the most lucratively priced wine grape in Washington and sold for 1 722 per ton Cabernet Sauvignon averaged 1 527 per ton an increase of 5 5% from 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon sells in the Napa Valley in excess of 6 000 per ton 9 The growing regions of San Luis Obispo County Yakima Valley and Walla Walla Valley share numerous similarities Their topographies feature expansive arid flatlands surrounded by hilly terrain Each region has a long historical agricultural tradition 10 Top tiered Washington vineyards have commanded pricing between 75 000 80 000 per acre Large established vineyards have been documented to sell for 25 000 30 000 and bare unplanted terrain often averages 10 000 15 000 per acre 11 Washington has 14 American Viticultural Areas AVAs recognized and defined by the United States Treasury Department Seven have only been established within the last ten years and three stretch across the Oregon border 12 The primary growth advantage Washington offers over neighboring Oregon is the capacity to expand wine grape cultivation Washington has twice as much plantable acreage available 13 Today 98% of the wine grapes grown are east of the Cascade Mountains In 1970 there were only ten official wineries in all of Washington By 2000 that figure had expanded to 163 and by 2010 more than 700 wineries Currently it is estimated that there are over 900 wineries 14 The two largest Washington growing regions the Yakima and Walla Walla Valleys share the topography of a desert landscape and the tributary waters of the Columbia River branching out via the Yakima and Walla Walla Rivers 15 The Walla Walla Valley

averages approximately the same annual rainfall levels as the Napa Valley 21 inches The Yakima Valley received even less rainfall 8 inches but is supplemented by a snowfall level of 23 inches 16 The Yakima Valley profits from the accumulating rains and snows of Mount Ranier and Mount Adams part of the Cascade Mountain Range The melting Spring snowpack results in substantial volumes of water that are channeled into the region and directed by canals and aqueducts into the agricultural basins and hillsides So You Think You Know Texas Wines? 2019 Edition Margues Vickers, 2019-02-25 So You Think You Know Texas Wines is designed to simplify your understanding by identifying growing trends grape descriptions and future direction of the Texas wine industry This book concisely profiles each of the state's leading growing regions and prominent grapes based on the most recent available harvest data from 2017 The edition also includes comparison with the California Washington and Oregon wine regions The 2019 edition is ideal for wine collectors winemakers and anyone who appreciates a Texan grown vintage The following facts are from hundreds of little known essentials included in the book 1 Texas harvested 11 7 thousand tons during the 2017 harvest California harvested over 4 million tons and Washington 227 thousand tons during the 2017 harvest Oregon harvested 79 8 thousand tons during the 2016 harvest 2 Texas wine grape harvest is 14 7% of Oregon s 5 2% of Washington s and 03% of California s annual harvest Washington's harvest is only 5 6% and Oregon's 2% of California's overall production Oregon's production is 35 1% of Washington s 3 California has 3 670 Washington 940 Oregon 725 and Texas approximately 200 wineries California has seventeen Washington fourteen while Oregon and Texas have designated five growing regions 4 Texas has eight designated AVAs American Viticultural Areas including Bell Mountain Escondido Valley Fredericksburg Mesilla Texas Davis Mountains Texas High Plains Texas Hill Country and Texoma 5 Cabernet Sauvignon is Texas most popular but only fourteenth highest priced wine grape It is California's second most popular and second highest priced red wine grape It is Washington's most popular and sixth highest priced and Oregon s sixth most popular and highest priced wine grape 6 Tempranillo is Texas second most popular and seventh highest priced wine grape averaging 1730 per ton It is California's thirteenth and Oregon's fourth most popular red wine grape 7 The High Plains and Panhandle growing region is the largest Texas production center harvesting 67% of the state s grapes 8 During 2017 Texas state total production ratio was 67% red wine grapes and 33% white wine grapes Total Bearable acreage is 70% red wine and 30% white wine grapes 9 Between 2015 and 2017 production of the Muscat Canelli grape dropped 52 2% and 62% in the High Plains and Panhandle growing region The grape in 2015 was Texas largest produced varietal 10 Based on 2017 non bearing acreage figures the six most likely statewide grapes to increase in production are Cabernet Sauvignon Tempranillo Blanc du Bois Black Spanish Lenoir Merlot and Moury dre Non bearing acreage represents planted vineyards whose young grapes have not been included into production statistics They may also reflect damaged and destroyed vineyards that did not add to the production totals 11 Production of Moury dre jumped 445% in the High Plains and Panhandle growing region between 2015 and 2017 making it the second largest grape

tied with Merlot The grape is now the fourth largest produced in the state 12 Viognier dropped from the second largest production grape in the High Plains and Panhandle growing region during 2015 to fourth in the region based on a production decrease of 40 3% 13 Merlot's reduced production of 45 5% between 2015 and 2017 in the Hill County region dropped it from the largest produced grape to third place 14 The Hill Country growing region the state's second largest suffered a 37 1% decline in production between 2015 and 2017 The decline was attributed to a severe rainy season culminating in extensive vine destroying rot and mildew 15 Blanc du Bois and Black Spanish grapes are the dominant grapes produced in the Southeast Texas and Gulf Coast growing region comprising 74 7% of production Combined in 2017 they represent 54 8% of statewide production in those grapes So You Think You Know Texas Wines? (2020-2021) Marques Vickers, 2020-03-04 So You Think You Know Texas Wines is designed to simplify your understanding by identifying growing trends grape descriptions and future direction of the Texas wine industry This book concisely profiles each of the state s leading growing regions and prominent grapes based on the most recent available harvest data from 2019 The edition also includes comparison with the California Washington and Oregon wine regions The 2020 2021 edition is ideal for wine collectors winemakers and anyone who appreciates a Texan grown vintage The following facts are from hundreds of little known essentials included in the book 1 Texas harvested 14 2 thousand tons during the 2019 harvest California harvested 4 28 million tons and Washington 261 thousand tons during the 2018 harvest Oregon harvested 91 3 thousand tons during 2017 2 Texas wine grape harvest is 15 5% of Oregon s 5 4% of Washington s and 03% of California s annual harvest Washington's harvest is only 6% and Oregon's 2 1% of California's overall production Oregon's production is 35% of Washington's 3 California has 3 670 Washington 940 Oregon 725 and Texas approximately 200 wineries California has seventeen Washington fourteen while Oregon and Texas have designated five growing regions 4 Texas has eight designated AVAs American Viticultural Areas including Bell Mountain Escondido Valley Fredericksburg Mesilla Texas Davis Mountains Texas High Plains Texas Hill Country and Texoma 5 Cabernet Sauvignon is Texas most popular but only thirtieth highest priced wine grape It is California's second most popular and second highest priced red wine grape It is Washington's most popular and sixth highest priced and Oregon's sixth most popular and highest priced wine grape 6 Tempranillo is Texas second most popular and seventh highest priced wine grape averaging 1720 per ton It is California's thirteenth and Oregon's fourth most popular red wine grape 7 The High Plains and Panhandle growing region is the largest Texas production center harvesting 72 6% of the state s grapes 8 During 2019 Texas state total production ratio was 71% red wine grapes and 29% white wine grapes Total Bearable acreage is 73% red wine and 27% white wine grapes 9 Between 2015 and 2019 production of the Muscat Canelli grape dropped 56 6% in Texas overall and 47 8% in the High Plains and Panhandle growing region The grape in 2015 was Texas largest produced varietal 10 Based on 2019 non bearing acreage figures the six most likely statewide grapes to increase in production are Cabernet Sauvignon Tempranillo Blanc du Bois Black Spanish Lenoir Merlot

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County directly reflect the significantly appreciated grape values 12 Two of over thirty hybrid grapes introduced by University of California Davis viticulturist Dr Harold Olmo account for 17% of the overall red wine grape production 13 During the 1976 harvest six of the most popular California grapes were Carignan Grenache Barbera Ruby Cabernet French Colombard and Chenin Blanc Today only Rubired and French Colombard ranks in the top ten and both are used for blending or bulk wines 14 Production statistics become significant because planting decisions cannot be immediately adjusted Grapevines require three years after planting before yielding fruit and have an average lifespan of 27 years Many vines are replaced afterwards due to declining production yields and financial depreciation considerations So You Think You Know Wine? Vesta Lall,2023-03-24 You enjoy wine and you think you know a lot about the wine There are so many unknown facts about the wine and its beginning that this book is about to teach you something that you did not known You will learn about the oldest bottle of wine where it was made and where it is today

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