

San Luis Obispo Coast AVA (SLO Coast)

The San Luis Obispo Coast AVA (also spelled SLO Coast) is one of California's newest and most significant AVA's to be recognized in recent years. Stretching from Ragged Point in southern Big Sur to the southern border of San Luis Obispo County, it encompasses land between the western ridge of the Santa Lucia Mountains and Pacific Ocean. The existing AVA's of Edna Valley and Arroyo Grande Valley are encompassed completely within the SLO Coast AVA. Officially recognized by the TTB in 2022, it was spearheaded by winemaker Aaron Jackson and a grassroots group of growers and winemakers.

Now comprising almost 4,000 acres of vineyards, more than 97% of SLO Coast vineyards are less than 6 miles from the ocean, making it one of the most coastal AVA's in California by acreage. Additionally, average vineyard elevations are under 500ft, making them far more exposed to coastal wind and fog and keeping daytime temperatures lower compared to more elevated coastal AVA's. Aequorea Vineyards sources from 6 unique vineyards in the AVA, all of which are between 1.5-6 miles from the ocean.

Total AVA size: 408,585 acres

Total AVA acres under vine: 3,950 acres

Number of vineyards: 80+

Plantings by Varietal: 43% Chardonnay, 35% Pinot Noir, 8% Syrah, 14% Other

Average vineyard distance to Pacific Ocean: 5.8 miles



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