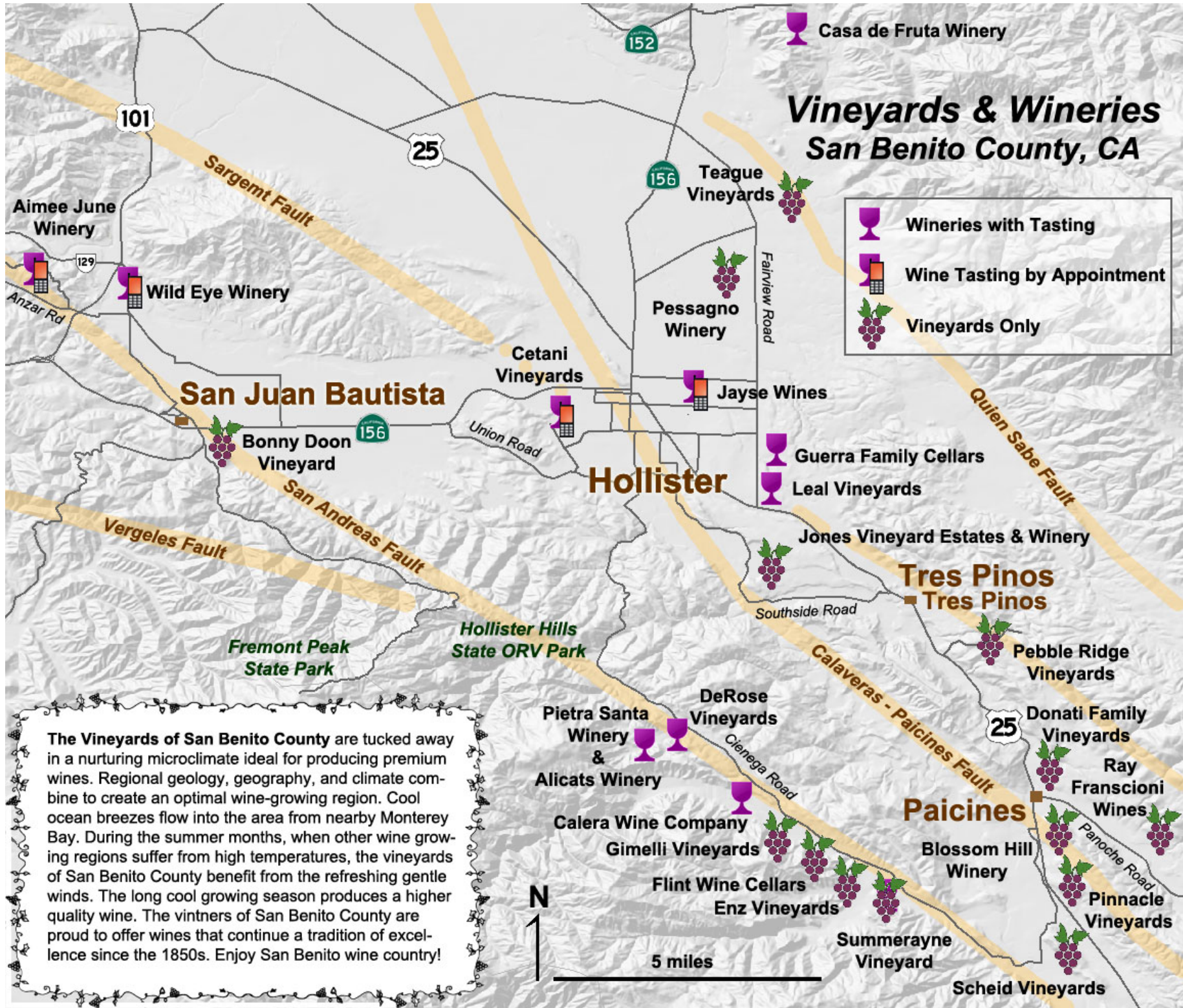


Vineyards & Wineries San Benito County, CA

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The Vineyards of San Benito County are tucked away in a nurturing microclimate ideal for producing premium wines. Regional geology, geography, and climate combine to create an optimal wine-growing region. Cool ocean breezes flow into the area from nearby Monterey Bay. During the summer months, when other wine growing regions suffer from high temperatures, the vineyards of San Benito County benefit from the refreshing gentle winds. The long cool growing season produces a higher quality wine. The vintners of San Benito County are proud to offer wines that continue a tradition of excellence since the 1850s. Enjoy San Benito wine country!



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***AIMEE JUNE WINERY** <http://www.californiabestwine.com> **Tasting by appointment.** 831 School Road, San Juan Bautista (408) 621-7354. Aimee June Winery is a small family owned / operated boutique winery making small lots of hand crafted high quality wine. We specialize in big red wines including Cabernet, Syrah, Merlot, and special blends.

***ALICATS WINERY** <http://www.alicatswinery.com> **Tasting during special events only.** (831) 636-7311. Cienega Valley AVA. Alicats is a boutique winery specializing in Pink Syrah, Syrah, Viognier, Passito di Chardonnay (dessert wine). Alessio Carli is also the winemaker for Pietra Santa.

***BLOSSOM HILL WINERY** <https://diageowines.com> **Vineyard only**, not open to the public. Paicines AVA. Established in the 1950's, previous owners include Almaden Vineyards, United Distillers & Vintners, and Heublein. Presently owned by Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines Co., making wines for labels including Beaulieu Vineyards, Coastal Estates, Sterling Vintner's Collection, Snap Dragon, Wily Jack and Cherry on Top.

***BONNY DOON VINEYARD** <https://www.bonnydoonvineyard.com> **Poplouchum vineyard and farm only**, not open to the public. **Winery, Tasting Room and restaurant** located at 328 Ingalls Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, 831-425-4518. Founded in 1983 by Randall Grahm and famous for pioneering efforts with Rhône grape varieties. Fully Biodynamic since 2004, the wines evince a deep sense of place, complexity, and vitality.

***CALERA WINE COMPANY** <http://www.calerawine.com> **Tasting open daily** 11am to 4:30pm. 11300 Cienega Road, Hollister (831) 637-9170. Mt. Harlan AVA. Established in 1975, specializing in Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Viognier. Their Dessert Viognier is excellent as well. The tasting room is located on top of a mountain where wine tasters can picnic outside and enjoy panoramic views of the landscape and hills below.

***CASA DE FRUTA WINERY** <http://www.casadefruta.com> **Tasting open daily** 9am - 7pm, 10021 Pacheco Pass Highway Hollister, (408) 842-7282. Pacheco Pass AVA. Growing since first vineyards and orchards were planted in 1908. The Zanger Family, in its 3rd generation, welcomes everyone to enjoy varietal and gourmet fruit wines. Unique fruit wines include apricot, plum, raspberry, blackberry and pomegranate. Varietal wines include Zinfandel, Gewurztraminer, Chardonnay and Merlot. We also produce champagne.

***CETANI VINEYARDS** <http://www.cetanivineyards.com> **Tasting by appointment.** 741 Riverside Rd. Hollister, (831) 636-7590. San Benito County AVA. Family owned and operated winery handcrafting superb european style big red wines. Estate grown Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon. They also offer a crisp White Viognier. Matt and Caryn Cetani's passion for each other and fine wine founded this winery in 2008.

***CIRCLE S VINEYARDS** **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. Operated by Siletto Family Vineyards, Including: Siletto, Wheeler, Calleri, Skow, Cienega and John Smith Vineyards.

***DEROSE VINEYARDS** <http://www.derosewine.com> **Tasting open Saturday & Sunday**, 11am to 4pm, **other days by appointment.** 9970 Cienega Road, Hollister, (831) 636-9143. Cienega Valley AVA. Family owned, established in 1988 on land with some of the oldest vines in CA. The winery sits directly above the San Andreas Fault and is one of the few wineries to have a major fault line dissecting its main building. **25+ antique cars on display** in the old fermentation room, open the first Saturday each month, 11am - 3pm. Producing award winning Zinfandel, Negrette, Cabernet Franc, and Viognier.

***DONATI FAMILY VINEYARDS** <http://www.donatiwine.com> **Vineyard only**, not open to the public. **Wine tasting available at:** 2720 Oak View Rd. Templeton, CA 93465. (877) 511-9463. Paicines AVA. **Mention this map in the Templeton Tasting Room & receive a complimentary tasting.** Wines include Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Syrah, Pinot Grigio, Pinot Blanc and Petite Verdot.

***ENZ VINEYARDS** **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. San Benito County AVA. Some vines first planted in 1895. Wines include Zinfandel, St. George, Mourvedre, and Wild Zin.

***FLINT WINE CELLARS** **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. Cienega Valley AVA. Family owned winery specializing in Vin Gris, Pinot Noir, Merlot, and Zinfandel.

***GIMELLI VINEYARDS** <http://www.gimellivineyards.com> **Vineyards only**, not open to the public.(831) 637-1925. San Benito County AVA. Chardonnay, Viognier, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Merlot, Sangiovese, & Zinfandel. Original dry farmed plantings of Zinfandel & Cabernet Pfeffer remain.

***GUERRA FAMILY CELLARS** <http://www.guerracellars.com/> **Tasting Room open May 1 to November 1**, 11am to 5pm. 500 John Smith Road, Hollister (831) 902-9106. Malbec, Petite Sirah (Medal Winning / Best in Class), and Voignier varieties aged in oak & stainless. Vines were planted in 2006 yielding their first harvest in the fall of 2008. The virgin soil has encouraged vigorous growth and sumptuous clusters. **Events & Concerts On The Green / Peppertree Ranch**, For event and venue information go to <http://www.hollisterconcerts.com>

***JAYSE WINES** <http://www.jaysewines.com> **Tasting by appointment** (831) 245-6431. Focused on crafting a very limited production of Syrah and Grenache sourced from top producing vineyards throughout the California Central Coast. Our goal is to produce wines that deeply reflect the soils and climate from which these grapes are grown.

***JONES VINEYARD ESTATES & WINERY**, **Vineyards & Winery**, not open to the public. (831) 636-6747. Located in the hills of San Benito County, California, we specialize in the viticulture of Cabernet Sauvignon Grapes creating a high quality wine.

***LEAL VINEYARDS** <http://www.lealvineyards.com> **Tasting open daily** 11am to 5pm, half days on holidays. 300 Maranatha Drive, Hollister (831) 636-1023. Léal Vineyards is the creation of self-taught wine fanatic Owner, Frank Léal. Leal consistently provides limited, exceptional vintages to his discerning fans. **Special Event & Concert Venue.**

***PEBBLE RIDGE VINEYARDS** **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. Paicines AVA. In 1990, the Dyson Family purchased Vista Verde Vineyards near Hollister in San Benito County, some of the finest land in all of California. There, John Dyson is engaged in some of the most innovative clonal research, varietal research and trellis design in the wine industry. A majority of the fruit grown is sold to large wine producers such as Beringer, Au Bon Climat, and Kendall Jackson.

***PESSAGNO WINERY** <http://www.pessagnowines.com/> **Vineyard only, Tasting Room location:** 1645 River Road, Salinas, CA 93908 (831) 675-9463. Tasting Room Hours: **Open Daily** 11 - 4pm Monday - Thursday and 11 - 5pm Friday - Sunday. Pessagno Winery fulfills a twenty-year dream of winemaker Stephen Pessagno to produce limited quantities of exclusive luxury wines from prestigious single vineyards throughout Monterey and San Benito Counties.

***PIETRA SANTA WINERY** <http://www.pietrasantawinery.com> **Tasting open Wednesday - Sunday** 11am to 5pm. **Wine and Olive Tours** Saturday & Sunday 11am & 1pm, other days by appointment. (831) 636-1991. Cienega Valley AVA. Offers a spectacular setting in the beautiful Cienega Valley. Pietra Santa means "Sacred Stone" and is so named because of the unique granite and limestone soils found on the estate. Sample 16 fine wines and 3 organic extra virgin olive oils. Wine is produced under three labels: The entry level red blend called "Sacred Stone"; "Pietra Santa" is the flagship label and the limited production signature wines carry the "Vache label".

***PINKERTON WINE COMPANY** **Tasting by appointment.** (831) 637-9855.

***PINNACLE VINEYARDS** **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. 1140 Panoche Rd. Tres Pinos. Vineyards produce premium red and white varieties.

***RAY FRANSCIONI WINES** **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. Panoche Rd. & Browns Valley Rd., Paicines. Ray Francioni and family are among the most respected winegrowers on the Central Coast. Conscientious detailed farming methods and techniques yield grapes sought-after by many well-known wineries. Currently, Ray maintains properties in Monterey and San Benito counties.

***SAN BENITO WINE CO.** <http://www.sbvino.com>. **Tasting by appointment.** Please refer to the website for wine tasting updates. (831) 637-9855, Email: c@sbvino.com

***SCHEID VINEYARDS** <http://www.scheidvineyards.com> **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. **Wine tasting location:** 1972 Hobson Ave., Greenfield, CA 93927, (831) 386-0316. Paicines AVA. Most of the grapes produced at Scheid are delivered to UDV's Blossom Hill Winery in Paicines. Varieties: chardonnay, cabernet, cabernet franc, grenache, merlot, pinot noir, petite verdot, syrah.

***SUMMERAYNE VINEYARD** **Vineyard only**, not open to the public.

***TEAGUE VINEYARDS** <http://www.teaguevineyards.com> **Vineyards only**, not open to the public. (831) 636-7970. San Benito County AVA. Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Petite Syrah, and Merlot.

***WILDEYE WINERY** <http://www.wildeyewinery.com> **Tasting by appointment.**

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