

- next most planted grape after Pinot Noir is pinot gris, then Chardonnay - Riesling A little Cabernet Sauvignon + Syrah.
- warmer & drier in Southern Oregon, cooler & wetter in Willamette Valley.
- almost all grapes are estate grown in Oregon, in contrast to both California & Washington.
- 3 important geological events:
  - collision of Juan de Fuca + North American plates
  - Columbia River basin flow - largest lava flow ever (from a volcanic chain in E. Oregon)
  - Missoula floods

- Umpqua Valley - Richard Sommer planted the state's first PW here in 1961 (Will Crest founder)
- 1965 - David Lett of Eyrise is the first to plant PW in the Willamette Valley. → "Papa Pinot".
- 1968 - Dick Erath  
1970 - Dick + Nancy Ponzi  
1971 - Susan Sokol + Bill Blosser  
1972 - David + Ginny Adelsheim

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- est. 1984
- IPNC - International Pinot Noir Celebration
- Yamhill County - most wineries in the state
- mild climate: cool, wet winters & warm summers

• rain → good for early ripening  
grapes like pinot noir, PB, Chardonnay.

• old volcanic + sedimentary seabed overlaid w/ gravel, silt + rock deposited during the Missoula Floods.

↳ most common volcanic soils are the brick red **Jory** - typically found at elevations of 300 ft. or above → excellent drainage → particularly important given how rainy it is. Official State Soil is Jory!

↳ instead of Jory, some winemakers embrace the sedimentary soils on the uplifted sea floors of the region → Willamette soils (a mix of two river names - Willamette + McKenzie). Darker soil character than the Jory soils.

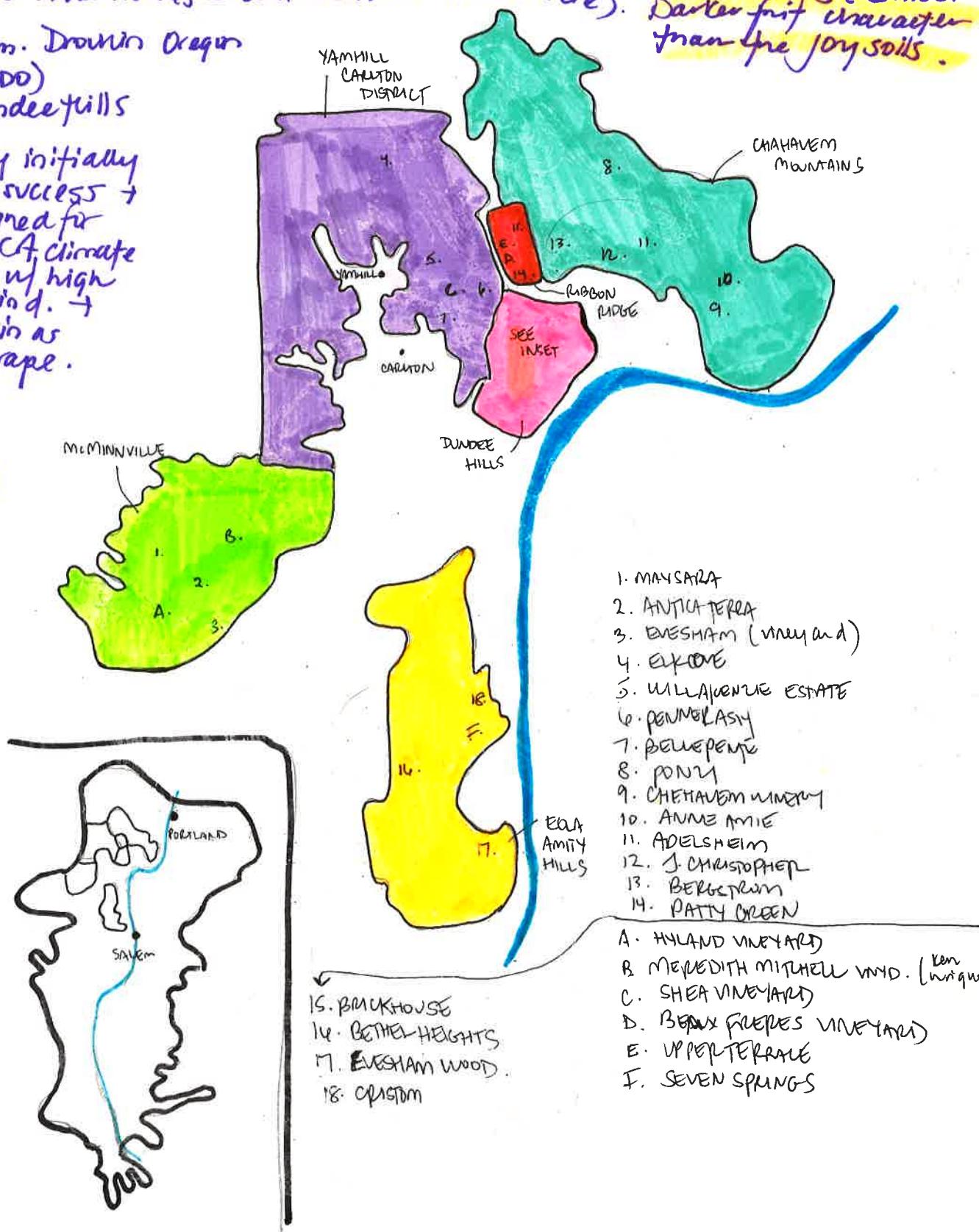
### • 1987 - Dom. Dutton Oregon (DDO) - Dundee Hills

• Chardonnay initially saw limited success + clones designed for the warmer CA climate were used, w/ high yields in mind. → P6 stepped in as signature grape.

• "OPCA" - Oregon Chardonnay Alliance

## DUNDEE HILLS

- est. 2005
- red Jory soils prevalent
- Argyle → sparkling wine, PN + Chard
- Dom. Serene, Evenstad family (Ken Knight made first 9 vintages) (est. 1989)
- DDO here



# DUNDEE HILLS

- Willamette's first Pinot Noir vines were planted here!
- 1979: a Dundee Hills winery beat out some excellent Burgundy at the Saal Millau French Wine Olympiads
- hills themselves a result of lava flows + tectonic activity.



\* Soils below 330 ft. elevation are sedimentary, those above 330 ft. are volcanic.

## THE EYRIE VINEYARDS

brought up

- In February 1965, David Lett ~~planted~~ 3000 vinféra cuttings he gathered from UC Davis — the first Chardonnay + Pinot Noir in the Willamette and the first Pinot Noir in the new world — to the Willamette Valley.
- Sought the perfect place to plant → didn't want to go too close to the foothills of the Cascades (too cold) or too close to the Coast Range of the mid-Valley (too warm).
- Was also looking for a combination of Sonj + Nekia soils + south-east facing aspects.
- 1966, he planted in Dundee Hills.
- "eyrie" = nest (red-tailed hawk) in the fir trees at the top of the vineyard site.
- 5 estate vineyards: Daphne, Poland Green, Eyrie, Octopus + Sisters
- 1/2 new oak, up to 57% whole cluster, extended barrel aging
- Son Jason now runs the estate.
- Produces Dundee Pinot Noir, Willamette Pinot Noir, Dundee Pinot Noir + Estate Chardonnay.

## ERATH

- Dick Erath planted Pinot Noir in the Willamette Valley in 1969, purchased a site on Chehalem Mtn. in 1970.
- Released the first commercial Dundee Hills wine in 1972.
- 1974 - Erath winery was formed.

## DOMAINE DROCHIN OREGON

- Robert Drochin organized '79 + '80 blind tastings of Oregon vs. Burgundy b/c he believed in the potential of Oregon.
- In 1981, Robert's daughter Veronique came to Oregon after completing her oenology degree.
- 1988 - first vintage Laurine
- Arthur Chardonnay, "Lorraine" + "Louise" Pinot Noirs

## DOMAINE SERENE

- Grace ~~REN~~ Evenstad first arrived in the Dundee Hills in 1989.
- When named after daughter Serene.
- Today, Domaine Serene produces PN from 6 estate vineyards spanning 3 AVAs, and Chardonnay solely from high elevation Dundee Hills.
- First vintage 1990.
- In 2015, they purchased an estate in Burgundy: Chateau de la Cree.
- Evenstad Reserve
  - 17 mos. (2017) new french oak
  - blend of sites
  - RRP \$150
  - also an Evenstad Res. Chardonnay

## MCMINNVILLE

- est. 2005, first vines planted in the 70s.
- Hyland Vineyard: made by Beaux Frères, Gothic, etc.

- most westerly sub of the Willamette Valley

- Maysara

- vines must be planted 5 ft ~~1000 - 2000 ft.~~ 200 - 1000 ft. in elevation.

- primarily marine sedimentary loams + silts w/ alluvial overlays. Some volcanic at higher elevations. More marine influence than the rest of the Willamette Valley. Lower rainfall than the east.

## YAMHILL-CARLTON

- est. 2004

- soils are sedimentary Willamette - floral + spine (vs. fruit focused wines of volcanic soils)

- slightly warmer here than the other subs → shorter growing season

- Tony Soter (winemaker of Etude + Spottswoode in Napa)

- Elk Cove, Shea Vineyard, Lemerlor, Penner-Ash, Willamette Estate - 200 ft - 1000 ft. elevation required

- 1994: Ken Wright Cellars  
Shea Vineyard pt

## CHEHALEM MTNS. • RIBBON RIDGE

- eastern most AVA (Chehalum)

- highest point: Bald Peak (1433 ft.)

- ribbon ridge is a sub AVA of the Chehalum mtns. → carved out of the western side. High elevation.

- Adelsheim, Chehalum + Ponzi are all prominent producers here.

- 1987: Beaux Frères → Robert Parker, co-owner → Ribbon Ridge

- Pappy Creek - Ribbon Ridge

- Brickhouse - Ribbon Ridge - bio-D

Ribbon Ridge = notable wind-blown soils + marine  
Chehalum - protected by Chehalum  
Willamette

## EOLA - AMITY HILLS

- created by subduction of Pacific plate under continental.

- Evening Land - Seven Springs Vineyard - Dominique Lafon consulting

- southernmost AVA of Willamette

- Amity Vineyards, Bethel Heights, Cristom, Eola Hills Vineyard, Lierre Vineyard, Margolin Vineyard, Louise Vineyard

- "Aeolus" = the ruler of the winds in Greek mythology. Van Doren Corridor

- volcanic Nelson soils. Shallower + more weathered than Dundee.

## KEN WRIGHT

- CARLTON

- went to UC Davis for enology. Then worked at Chalone + Talbott in Monterey.
- visited Dundee Hills in 1976 + became convinced that it was the best region for US PN.
- 1984 - moved to McMinnville + started Panther Creek Cellars.
- 1994 - founded Ken Wright Cellars.
- instrumental in creating sub-AVAs → was the first president of the Yamhill Carlton association.
- 100% new french oak for all wines

PINOTS: - single vineyard sites in the Northern Willamette Valley

1. Abbott Claim
  2. Bonnie Jean
  3. Hirschy
  4. McCrone
  5. Saroya
  6. Shea
  7. Tanager
  8. Bryce - Ribbon Ridge
  9. Canary Hill
  10. Carter
  11. Latchkey - Dundee Hills
  12. Freedom Hill
  13. Guadalupe
- } Yamhill-Carlton
- } Ribbon Ridge
- } Willamette Valley

- Tyus Evans - new label introduced in 2009. Syrah from seven hills vineyard on the Oregon side of the Walla Walla AVA.
- Small amounts of Chardonnay + Pinot Blanc

## BEAUX FRERES

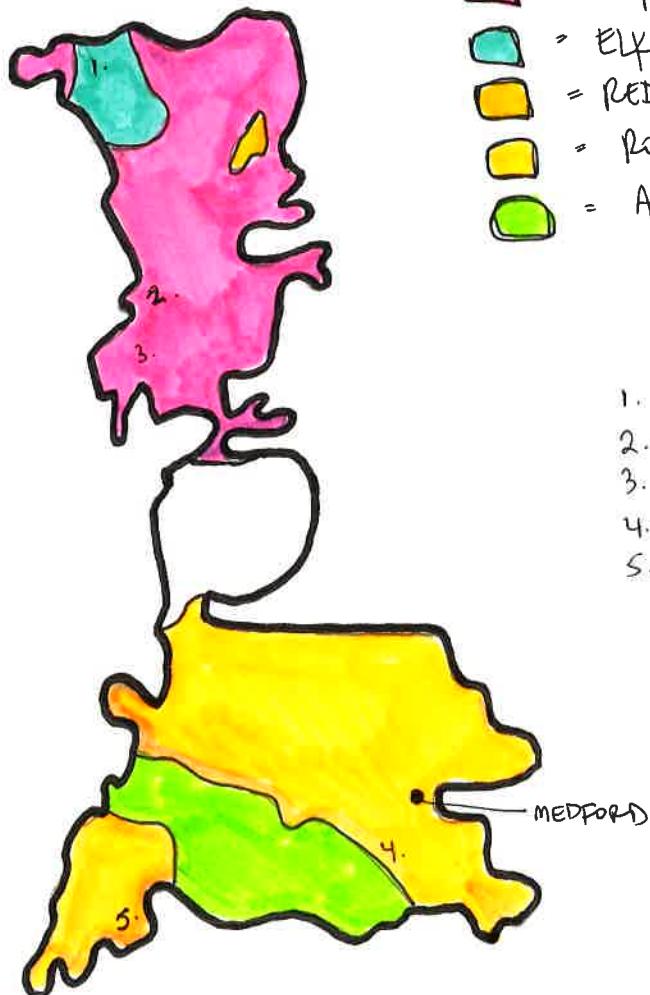
- RIBBON RIDGE

- While on vacation in 1984, Michael Etzel came across a 88 acre pig farm in ribbon ridge
- Michael purchased the farm w/ his brother-in-law Robert Parker ("beaux freres" is a French idiom for brother-in-laws)
- While planting his own vineyard, Michael worked 4 barrels of Ponzi.
- 1990 - first vintage, 1 barrel.
- Now owned by Henriot
- Beaux Freres vineyard - planted in '88.
- Upper Terrace - planted in '90.
- X 30-50% new oak

VINYARDS:

1. Sequitor Vnyd.
  2. Beaux Freres Vnyd.
  3. Upper Terrace Vnyd.
  4. Hyland - McMinnville
  5. Gran Moraine Vnyd. - Yamhill Carlton
  6. Gradaukpe Vnyd - Willamette AVN
- Chardonnay produced as well.

## SOUTHERN OREGON



- = SOUTHERN OREGON AVA
- = UMPQUA VALLEY
- = ELYTON
- = REDHILLS DOUGLAS COUNTY
- = ROGUE VALLEY
- = APPLEGATE VALLEY

1. BRAND BOPER
2. HILLCREST
3. ABACELA
4. QUADY NORTH
5. FORIS

- high diversity of soil types across the region - granite, riverrock, heavy clay, silt loam

# SOUTHERN OREGON

- warmer + higher elevations than Willamette (& drier)
  - better suited to Rdx + mediterranean varieties than Pinot Noir
- Southern Oregon AVA was established in 2004
  - after Umpqua, Applegate + Rogue valleys had already been established.
  - Red Hills Douglas County - 2005 → single vineyard, single winery appellation, Sienna Ridge Estate

## Rogue Valley

- Est. 1991
- warmest growing region in Oregon, quite high in elevation, too
- Cab, Merlot, Cab Franc + Syrah
- Focus - PN, Gewürz, Riesling

### ↳ Sub: Applegate Valley

- SW Rogue Valley → higher elevation

## Umpqua Valley

- stretches from ~~the coast~~ → Valley north to the Willamette Valley
  - vineyards date back to 1880
  - Richard Sommer → Pinot Noir here in <sup>Rogue</sup> Micol (hill crest)
  - Scott Henry → trellising system.
  - wide range of styles → cooler up north, warmer in the south.
  - Abacela → Tempranillo, Albariño
  - Brandborg
- cooler + wetter than the Rogue Valley.

- Eldon, Oregon - est. 2013  
- river flood plain

### ↳ Sub: Red Hill Douglas County

- single vineyard

## "GREEN" OREGON

- Oregon has the highest % of certified organic + bio-D vineyards in the world! (just ahead of Alsace)
- Certifications:
  - Demeter
  - Low Impact Viticulture + Enology (LIVE)
  - Oregon Certified Sustainable Wine (DCSW)
    - aimed to unify Demeter, LIVE + Food Alliance, make "sustainable" labeling easier for consumers
  - Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)
    - encourages "tilth soils" → worms + beneficial organisms
  - Salmon Safe
  - Vinea
  - LEED

# WASHINGTON

- First three AVAs of WA:
  - Yakima Valley (1983)
  - Columbia Valley (1984)
  - Walla Walla Valley (1984)
- 1960s - Walter Clore of the Washington State University Agricultural Extension in Yakima demonstrated that *Vitis vinifera* had a future in Eastern WA.
- Associated Vintners formed → now Columbia Winery (Gallo)
- Upland Vineyard
  - Planted by William Bridgman
  - one of the first vineyard sites planted, first w/ Muscat of Alexandria in 1917, then w/ Cab & Grenache in the 1960s
- Snipes Mountain
  - 1975: Kiona + Ciel du Cheval are planted on fed mtn.
  - > 1981: Weintraub vineyard on Wahluke Slope is planted.
- André Tchelistcheff arrives in WA as a winemaking consultant for American Wine Growers in 1967 - his first wines for the company are released under the name Ste. Michelle Vintners.
  - 1972: Don Meier + Walter Clore plant the first block of Chardonnay in MTT.
- In 1981, there were 19 wineries in the state.
- Volcanic activity - basalt bedrock
- Missoula floods - sand, silt, granite, and quartz. Postglacial soil →
  - particulate of clay
  - permeability of sand holds water well
- 6-8" of rain/year east of the Cascades
  - dry-farming is impossible
- WATER + WINTER the main issues
  - good things about the cold:
    - ✓ zero disease pressure
    - ✓ zero phylloxera
    - cold, sandy soils + distance b/t vineyards
  - frost + severe cold
  - to preserve *Vitis vinifera* vines:
    - movement to higher elevation
    - dual trunk training (statistically - one lives)
    - burying canes - can replace if one dies
      - overwinter to preserve
    - post-harvest irrigation

RAINSTADOW -  
as Pacific air hits the Cascade range, it is forced upward, cooled & condensed into clouds, which quickly release their moisture as precipitation. Never gets to the east side.

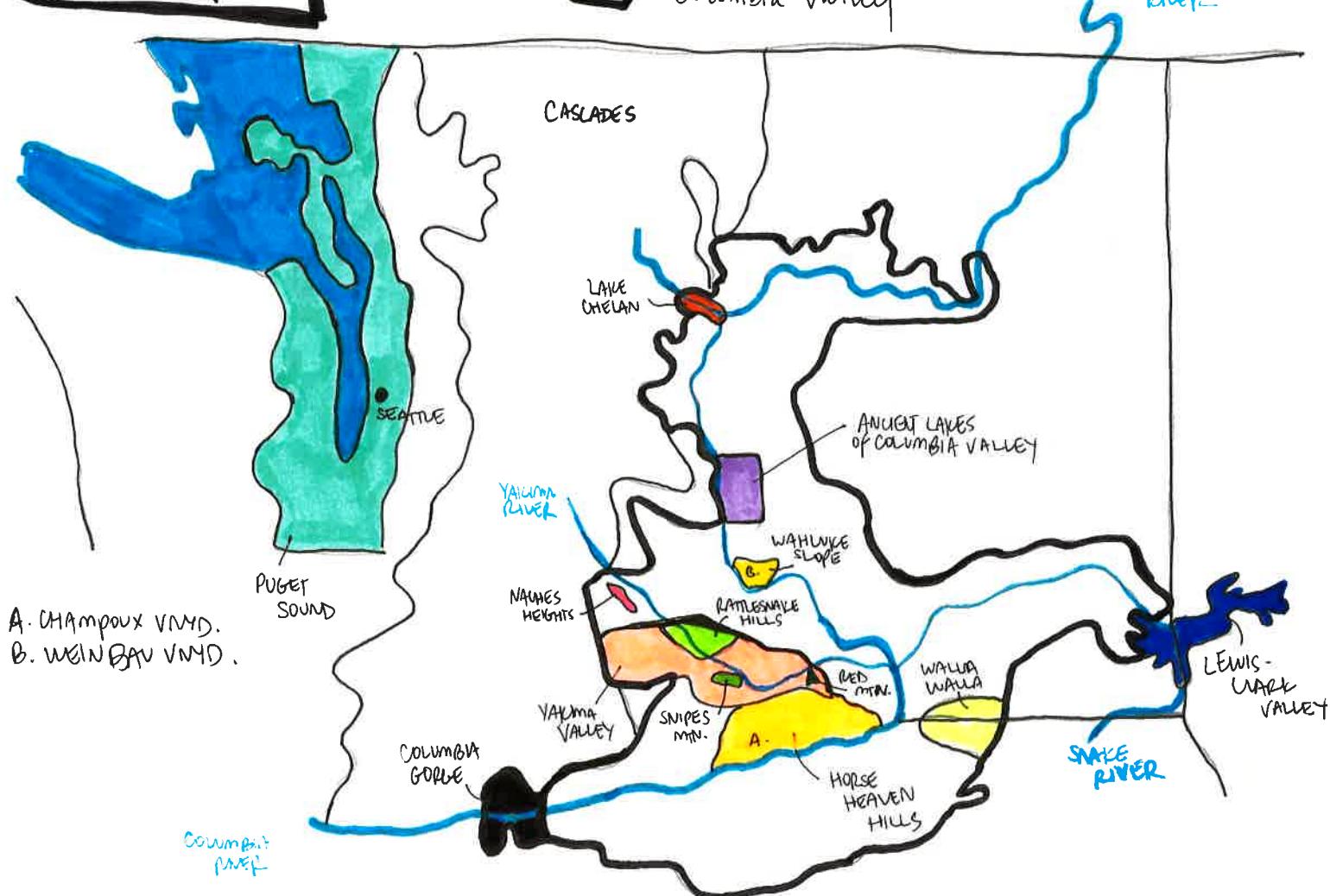
## 13 AVAs

- 1983: Yakima Valley
- 1984: Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley
- 1995: Puget Sound
- 2001: Red Mountain
- 2004: Columbia Gorge
- 2005: Horse Heaven Hills
- 2006: Wahluke Slope, Rattlesnake Hills
- 2009: Snipes Mountain, Lake Chelan
- 2011: Naches Heights
- 2012: Ancient Lakes of Columbia Valley
- 2014: Lewis + Clark Valley?  
(pending TTB approval)

# WASHINGTON

Columbia Valley

COLUMBIA RIVER



- post-prohibition in WA, lawmakers passed the Steele Act, which made WA a control state (only WA wines were allowed to be distributed privately). Lack of competition caused the industry to stagnate. Repealed in 1969.
- Columbia Winery (formerly Associated Vintners) named British MW David Lake as its head winemaker in 1979. He stayed through the 2005 vintage. Important figure in WA wine.
- Bob Fetz, MW, worked for Chateau Ste. Michelle for 2 decades before founding his eponymous Winery.
- White grapes: Chard, Riesling, pr, SP & Gewurz
- Red grapes: Cab, merlot, Syrah & Car Franc

# WASHINGTON

## - Benefits of cold, arid climate:

- Pest free → no mildew, pests or phyllloxera (sandy soils + temp)
- organic, bio-D, sustainable is easier  
    ↳ VINEA

- Gary Figgins → Leonetti  
Chris Camarda → Andrew Will

- Chateau Ste. Michelle → WA's largest producer & the world's largest riesling producer. 60% of WA's output!  
- Col Solare (Antinori) - Columbia Crest  
- Eroica (Loosen) - Norm Star  
- Snoqualmie

- Allen Shoup ran Chateau Ste. Michelle until leaving to start Long Shadow.

→ Other big players: Hogue Cellars, Hedges Family Estate, & Vitus, Gallo (Columbia Valley)

## - Columbia Valley:

- 46<sup>th</sup> parallel
- average diurnal swing of 28°f during growing season
- elevation + aspect mitigate cold + maximize sunlight
- Yakima fold belt → where the low-lying topography of the Columbia basin is striated by east-west ridgelines (anticlines)  
(caused by tectonic compression)
- these anticline ridges, pierced by eroded water gaps produce a temperature inversion layer  
    → cold air is constricted to valley floors
- best vineyards are above 1000 ft.
- on the south side of these ridges is warmest

- Soils: ancient volcanic eruptions + Missoula floods (2-3x century for millennia)  
(midocene epoch)

    → "Pocket beds" - nutrient rich deposits created by the missoula floods (creates more top soil + above 1200 ft., basalt is closer to the surface)

    → winds came through after the floods + created less. Soils are too nutritious in Oregon's more forgiving climate, and area east of the Cascades is for other agriculture

## COLUMBIA VALLEY

- est. 1984

Vineyards not w/in another AVA:

- Sagemoor
- Cold Creek
- Stillwater Creek

facing south, around  
Wallowa Slope

- Chateau Ste. Michelle - largest single Riesling brand in the world
- Columbia Gorge & Puget Sound are the only WA AVAs not within the Columbia Valley.
- 1 million cases/year

## YAKIMA VALLEY

- state's first AVA in 1983.

- three Subs:

- o Red Mtn.
- o Snipes Mtn.
- o Rattlesnake Hills



- over 70% of the nation's hops are grown here.

## Region II

- Hogue - 1/2 million case production, now owned by Constellation.
- Prosser
- Chardonnay, Riesling, Merlot, Cab Sauvignon (60% red grapes)
- major vineyards: Red Willow, Boushey (first Cab in WA)  
(first Syrah in WA)

## RED MOUNTAIN

- est. 2001

- "brown hill"
- Cab, Merlot & Syrah (93% red grapes)
- eastern end of Yakima
- very tannic, deeply colored wines - 70% planted to Cabernet Sauvignon
- mostly south facing
- hottest AVA in WA state → Region III, drier than far east of Yakima
- most densely planted AVA in WA state
- berry size is 60% of that in Napa (wind + dryness)
- major vineyards: Ciel du Cheval, Kiona, Klipsun
- much of Col Solare comes from here

- river moderates climate
- named after cheat grass that turns red in the Spring.

# SNIPES Mountain

- est. 2009

- min. 750 ft. & 820 ft. (southern/northern slope) elevation for AVA

- Chardonnay, Cab, merlot (54% red)

- ~~Just south of Red Mountain~~ → Rattlesnake Hills

- Just one winery: Upland Estates → first vineyard in Upl. muscat of Alexandria planted by William Bridgman in 1917.
  - ↳ first winery east of the Cascades in US
  - ↳ now owned by the Newhouse family

# RATTLESNAKE HILLS

- est. 2004

- Riesling, merlot, cab, Chardonnay (56% red)

- Dubrot & 2 Blondes vineyards + Sheridan vineyard



→ both producers label "Yakima" instead of Rattlesnake Hills → local opposition to the creation of the AVA.

## NACHES HEIGHTS

- est. 2012

- just north of Yakima, on the western side
- 1000-2000 ft. elevation
- not affected by the Missoula Floods
  - wind blown loess instead of alluvial deposits
- Pinot Gris, Riesling, Gewürztraminer or Syrah (40% red)

## HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

- south of Yakima
- windy
  - reduce frost damage
  - reduce vine vigor
  - small berries, small clusters
- Columbia Gorge creates wind channel
- Champoux vineyard - planted in 1972 by Don Mercer + Walter More
  - Quilceda Creek, Andrew Hill, Powers, Woodward Canyon
- Quilceda Creek Champoux - 4100 pt. Cabs from Parker.
- 30% of grapes grown in WA are from HH
  - Columbia Crest has 2300 acres here (owned by Ste. Michelle)
    - State's largest winery, 1.7 million cases/year
- Cab, Merlot, Chard, Riesling (64% red)
- Other vineyards: Alder Ridge, The Benches, Canoe Ridge
- only 12 wineries, w/ 12,000 acres under vine → disconnect in location w/ vineyard + site.
- Walla Walla Gap - marks AVA on the east -
- 2010 frost eradicated vineyards.

# QUILLED CREEK

- based in Snohomish, WA - 40 min. NE of Seattle
- named for a creek in Snohomish
- first US wine outside of CA to get 100 points from Robert Parker
- founded in 1978 by Alex & Jeanette Golitzin - fV 1979.
  - ↳ Alex Golitzin is the nephew of André Tchelistcheff
- In 1993, Alex's son Paul took over the winery.
- 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007 - all scored 100 points from Robert Parker.

## • Vineyard sources:

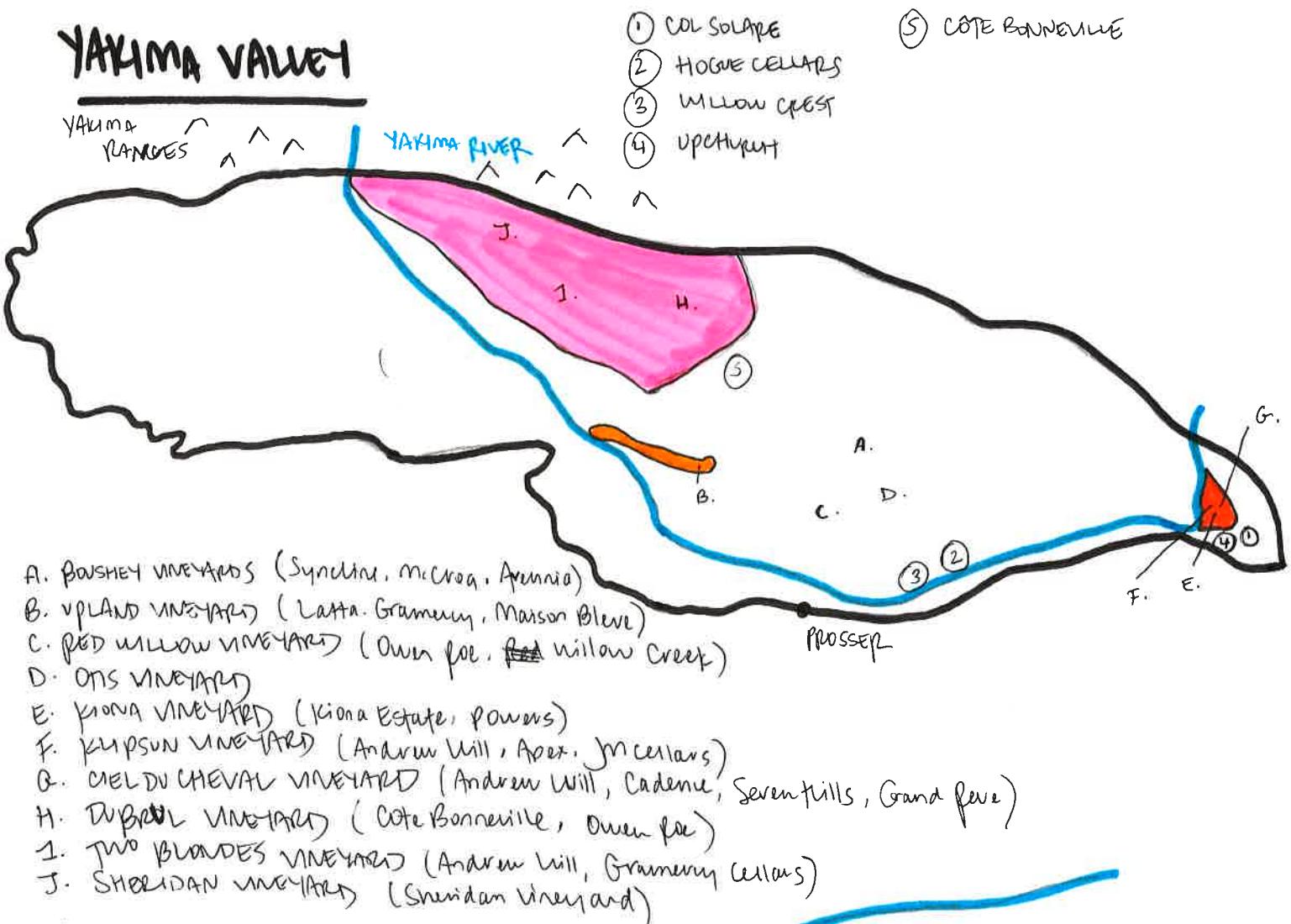
- Champsoux
  - Palengat
  - Garitrine
  - Taprier
  - Klipsun
  - Ciel du Cheval
- } Horse Heaven Hills  
} Red Mtn.

## • 4 wines:

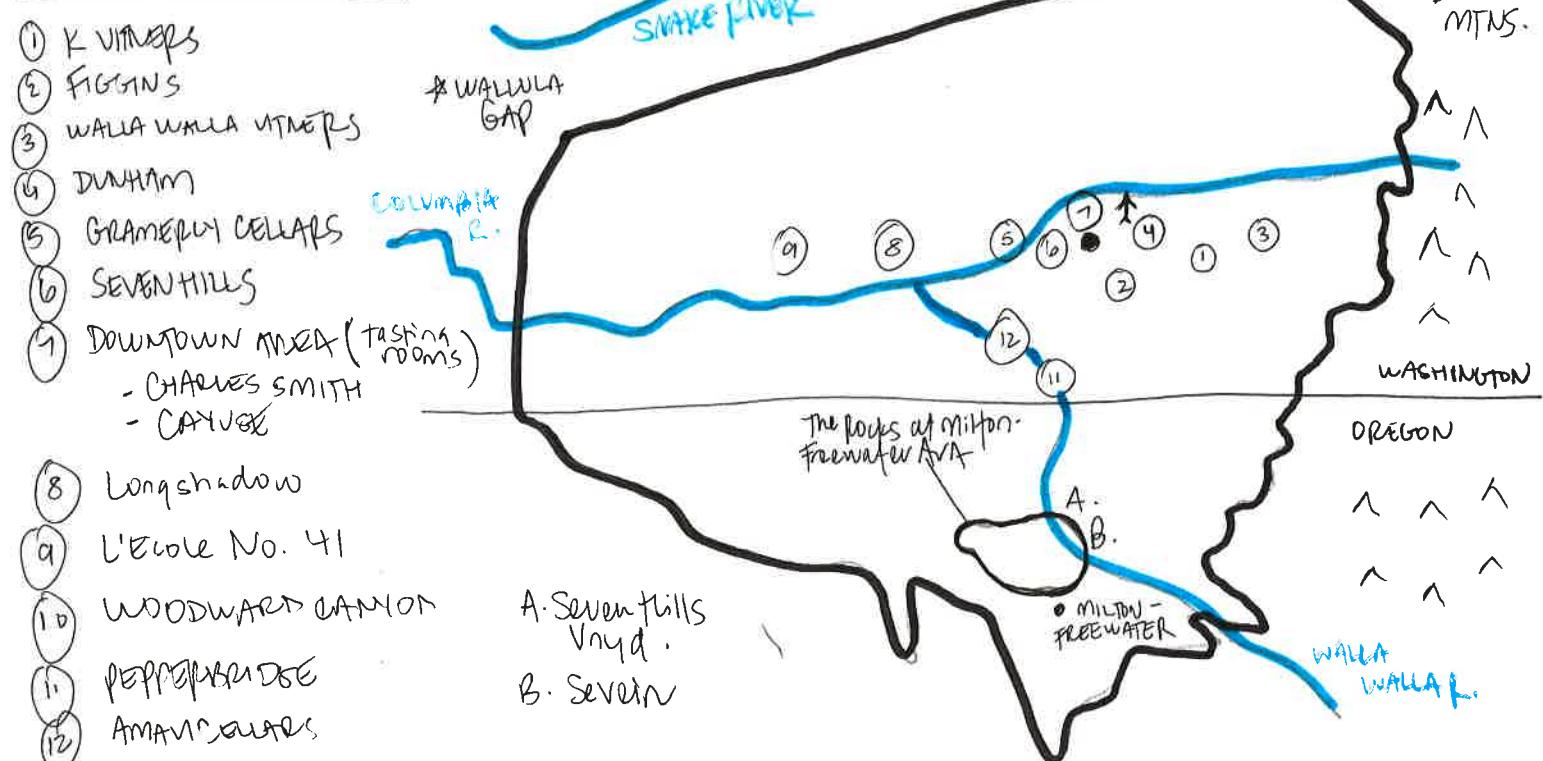
1. Cabernet Sauvignon
2. Garitrine Vnyd. Cabernet Sauvignon - vineyard planted by the Golitzin family w/ John Holmes from Ciel du Cheval.
3. Merlot
4. "Red wine" → declassified ("CVR" - Columbia Valley Red)
5. Palengat Vnyd. Cab / Merlot / Cab Franc

→ in 1997, made a single-vineyard Champsoux Cabernet Sauvignon.

## YAKIMA VALLEY



## WALLA WALLA



## WAHLUKE SLOPE

- "watering hole" → driest AVA
- est. 2004

- Columbia River to the west + south, Saddle mtns. to the north
- not many vineyards, but important supplier of Chard, Cab, merlot + Syrah to wineries throughout the state. (67% red grapes)
- Region III
- Millbrandt vineyards

- WAIWABA VMP.

## WAUSAU WAUSAU

- "many waters" → confluence of Columbia, Walla Walla + Snake Rivers

- approx. 40% of grapes are located on D2 side (Rick Small)
- Leonetti, L'Ecole No. 41, Woodward Canyon, Seven Hills, Walla Walla vitners & Dunham Cellars, Waterbrook
  - among first vineyards in the region
- most easterly region in Columbia Valley
- Gary Figgins of Leonetti → pioneer in 1974.
- Rick Small → Woodward Canyon
- Seven Hills Vineyard → Milton Freewater (southeastern Walla Walla)
  - "Seven Parcels"
- Pepperbridge + Amari
  - (est. 1998)
- two major Walla Walla soil types:
  - loess - windblown silt of fine glacial deposits
  - riverbed cobblestones - rocks of Milton Freewater
- Christophe Baron → Cayuse (est. 1997)
  - Milton Freewater
  - vineyards: Cuvineille, Cerise, Horsepower
  - wines: Bionic Frog, Flying Pig, Impulsivo, Widower, and God Only Knows
- 2001 → Charles Smith, K. Vitners, first vintage.
- VINEA - est. 2004 by Walla Walla growers
  - "The Winegrowers Sustainable First"

\* blue mountains - eastern border of Walla Walla. "Rain back-drop" → very rainy in eastern Walla Walla.

- Mill Creek + North Fork - eastern Walla Walla regions proposed as separate AVAs.  
→ most of the valley

100 vineyards, only 2000 acres of vines - many source from elsewhere.

# LEONETTI

- Gary Figgins planted the first commercial vineyard in Walla Walla in 1974.
- FW 1977
- Vineyards: Seven Hills, Sierra Pedace, Holy Roller, Loess, Leonetti Old Block, Mill Creek Upland.
- Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese

## CAYUSE

- Christophe Baron → born in Champagne
- planted first vineyard - ~~Couinelle~~ - in ~~1992~~ 1997 (named Cobblestone at the time)
- "Cayuse" - Native American tribe derived from "Cailloux" + stones
- works in 5 vineyards in Walla Walla
  - Cailloux - first vineyard planted in 1997
  - Couinelle - "ladybug". planted in 1998. Bionic Frog is sourced from here.
  - En L'ense - planted in 1998. Grapes for Flying Pig + Camaspelo Bdx blend + En L'ense Syrah
  - En Chamberlin - planted in 2000 on grafted rootstock.
    - The Widowmaker Cabernet, Impulsivo Tempranillo + En Chamberlin Syrah
  - Armada - 1815 vines per acre - highest density in Walla Walla until 2008.
    - Armada Syrah, God Only Knows Grenache + Edith Grenache Rose.

## • WINES:

1. CAMASPELO (BDX blend) - 1997, 1999 - present
2. CAILOUX SYRAH - 1999 - present
3. CAILOUX MOURVÉDRE - 1999 - 2007, 2011
4. BIONIC FROG SYRAH - 2000 - present
5. EN CERISE SYRAH - 2000 - present
6. FLYING PIG (merlot + Cab Franc) - 2001 - present
7. WIDOWMAKER CAB - 2002 - present
8. IMPULSIVO TEMPRANILLO - 2002 - present
9. EN CHAMBERLIN SYRAH - 2002 - present
10. ALMADA VNYD SYRAH - 2003 - present
11. GOD ONLY KNOWS GRENACHE - 2005 - present
12. EDITH GRENACHE Rose - 2007 - present
13. THE LOVERS (Cab/Syrah) - 2010 - present

No longer produced:

- Couinelle Vnyd. Syrah (2000 - 2003)
- Cobblestone Vnyd. Syrah (1998, renamed Cailloux in 1999)

HORSEPOWER - 100% whole bunch plowed estate. 2011, first vintage. "The Tribe" and "Sur Echelles" vineyards.

## LAKE CHELAN

- est. 2009

- northernmost AVA in Columbia Valley
- Riesling + Pinot Noir (19% red) → cooler
- not impacted by missoula floods

\* Puget Sound extends further north.

## COLUMBIA GORGE

- dry/wet
- mt. hood / mt. Adams
- Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer (36% red)
- WND → gap in the cascades
- rainfall increases exponentially toward the west end - some of WA's only dry farmed vineyards
- aside from Puget Sound, WA's coolest region -
- Adams - dry farmed pr vineyard planted by Walter Clore in 1968.
- Et Cetera Celilo vineyards  
Subregion (Underwood) → Supplies Woodward Canyon → Ken Wright.

## ANCIENT LAKES

- Between Wanapum Slope + Lake Chelan
- Milbrandt
- Riesling (20% red)
- temperatures moderated by a series of 35 ancient glacial lakes

\* Hood River Valley  
Subregion on op side.

- top producers:  
Syndine,  
Memaloose +  
Analemma.

## PUGET SOUND

- before irrigation, only west of the cascades could support vines.
- first bonded winery in WA - St. Charles
- only 200 acres of vines - Madeline Angevine, Müller Thurgau + Siegerrebe

# MEXICO

- first vines in the Americas, 1593. The industry didn't flourish b/c the King at the time prohibited commercial winemaking
- Civil wars & political instability started growth until the 1980s.
- Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon + Tempranillo are the most planted grapes.
- just south of the 30<sup>th</sup> parallel → very hot
  - dry, though
  - altitude mitigates
- ~85% of wine production occurs in the state of Baja California
  - cooling breezes of Pacific + morning fog
  - Mediterranean climate
  - Sub regions: Valle de Guadalupe, Valle de Calafia, Valle de San Vincente, Valle de Santo Tomás
  - granite-rich alluvial soils

- Sonora

- subregions Hermosillo + Cabo San Lucas
- mainly brandy + raisin grapes

- La Laguna - states Durango + Coahuila

- Valle de Parras → home to the oldest winery in N. America, Casa Madero, founded in 1597.

- Central Mexico: N. BAJA

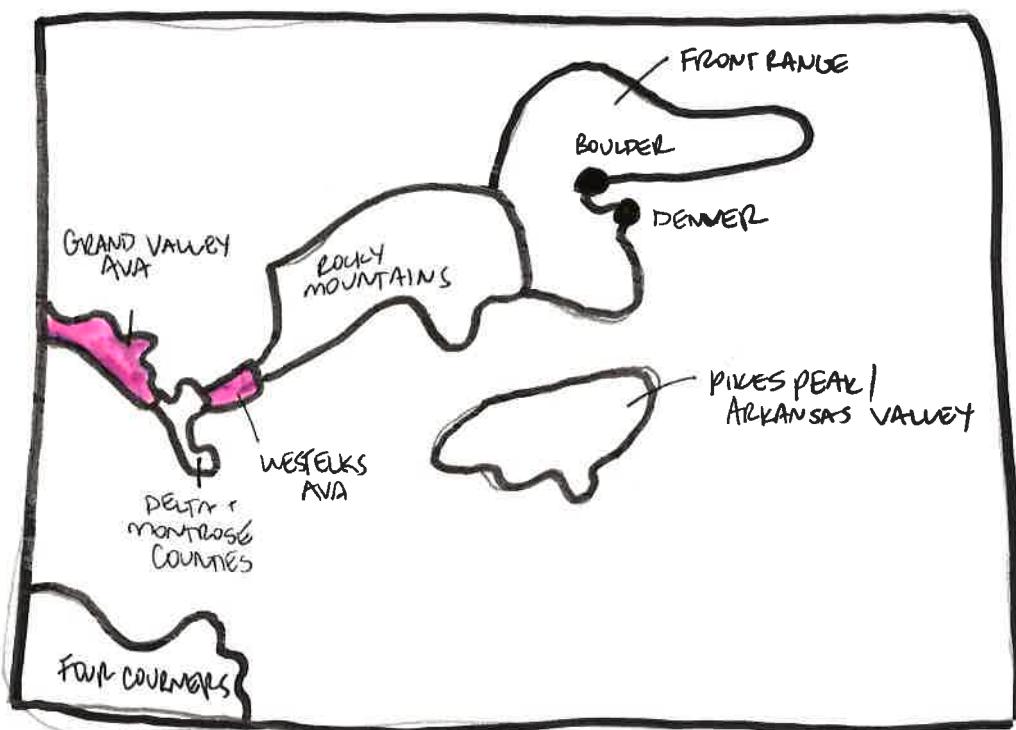
Zacatecas, Aguascalientes, Guanajuato + Querétaro.

- mainly brandy grapes

- Cava Freixenet has an outpost here.

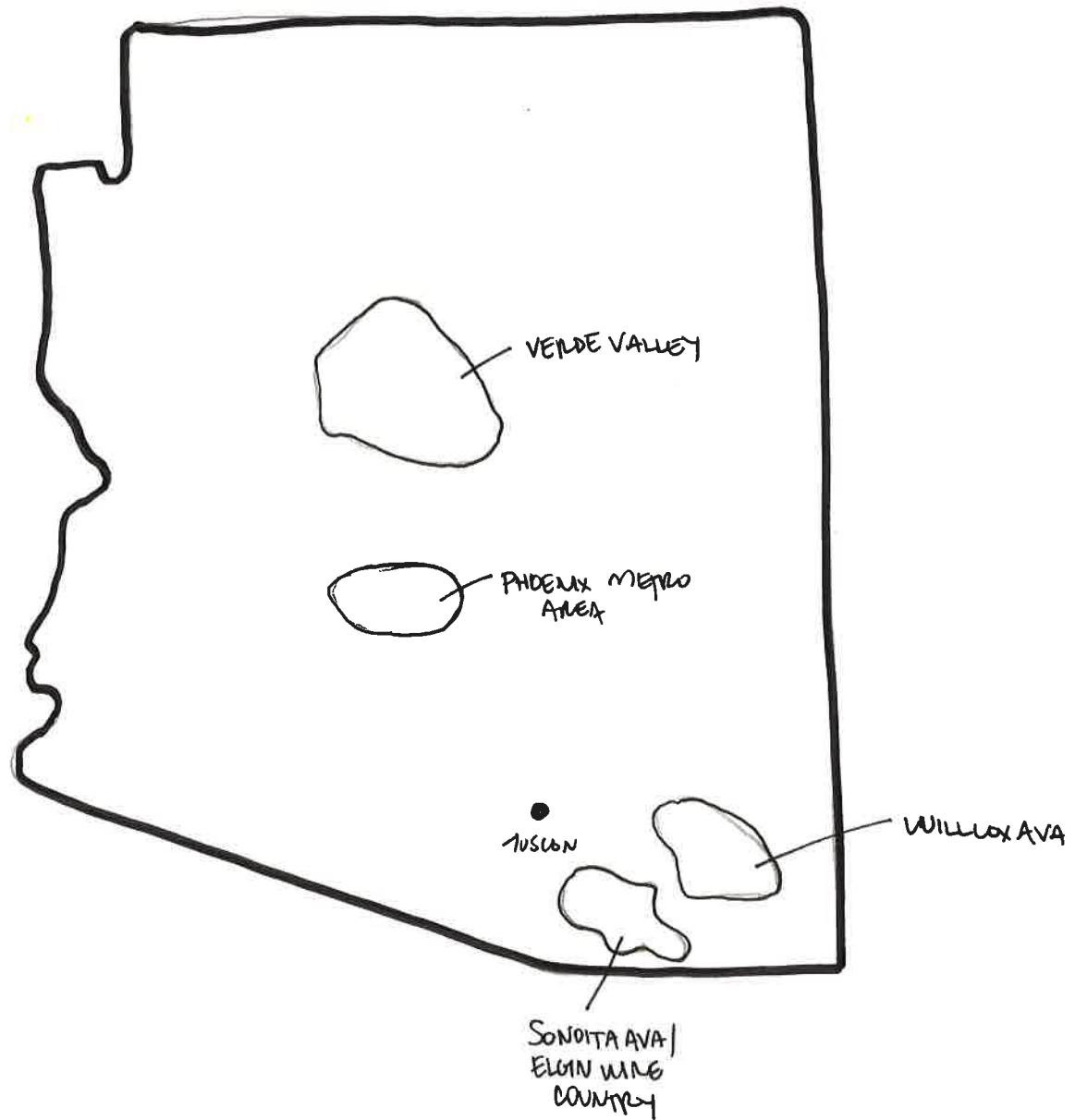


# COLORADO



- more than 100 wineries
  - elevations of 4000 - 7000 ft.
  - frost is common, growing season is short
  - mostly *Vitis Vinifera*, but some hybrids: Baco Noir, Chambourcin, Marquette + Vidal → cold-climate hardy.
  - Two AVAs: Grand Valley + West Elk
- ↓
- grows 80% of CO's wine grapes
  - produces 50% of CO's wines
  - very dry
  - Merlot, Cab + Syrah
  - est. 1991
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- higher elevation
  - Pinot, Gewürz + PN
- Front Range
    - not an AVA, but the name of the winemaking community around Denver + Boulder
    - purchased grapes, unified in an industrial park

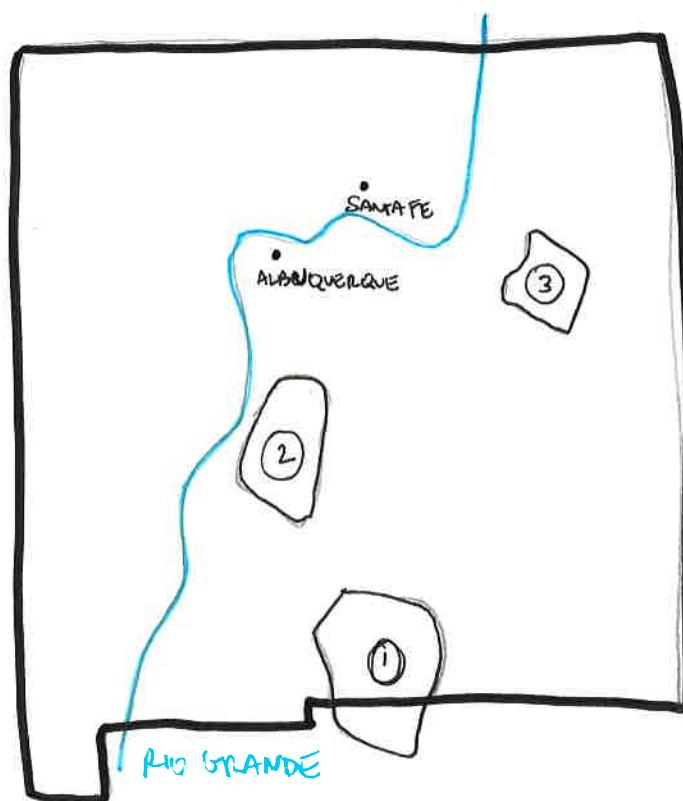
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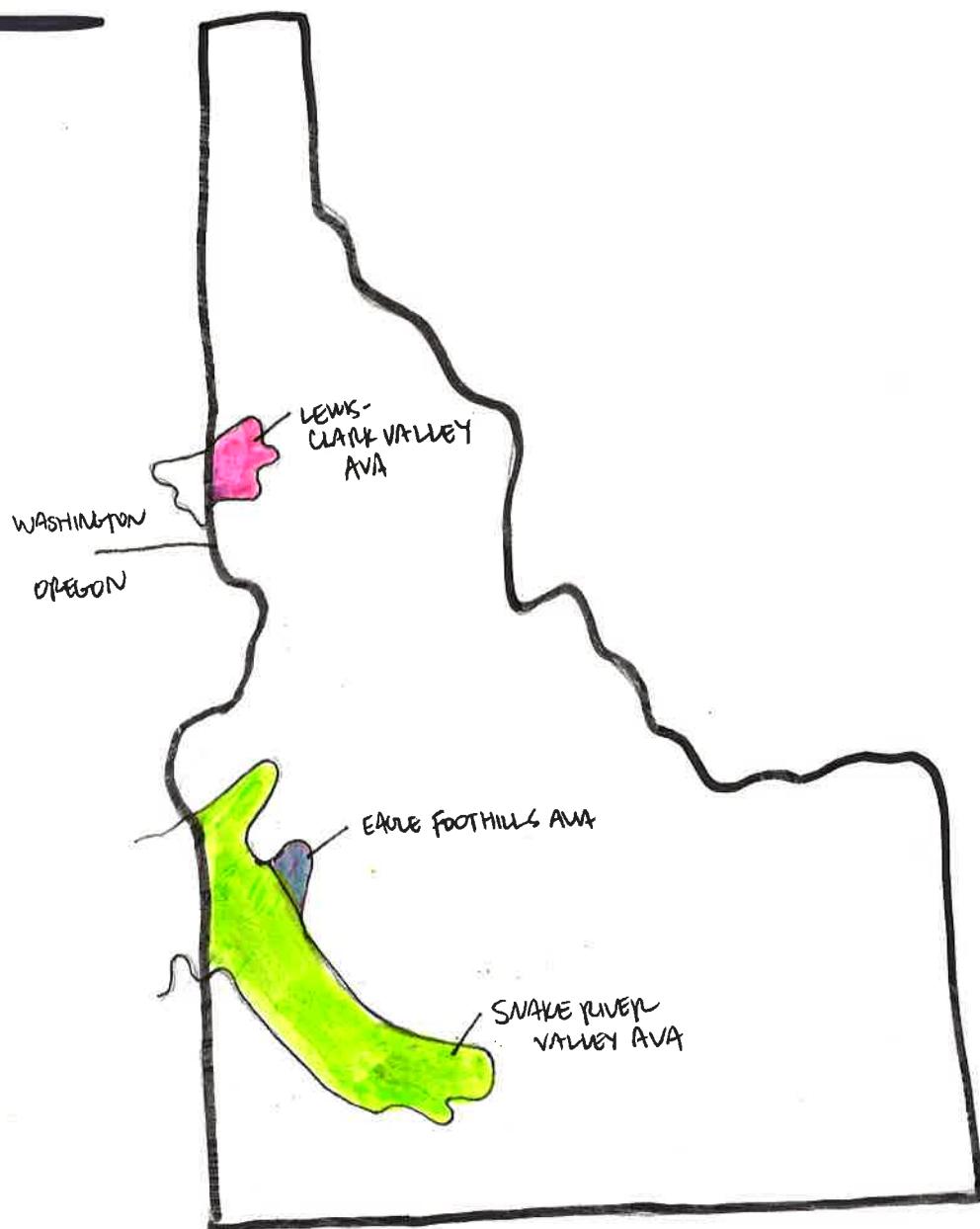
- Three main growing regions:
  - Sonoita / Elgin  
- Willcox (added in 2010)  
- Verde Valley
- Hot and arid, but w/ cool nights + high elevation  
3800-4000 ft. elevation where Cabernet Sauvignon is.
- Sonoita AVA
  - far Southern Arizona
  - most planted grapes: Cab, Merlot, Rhone varietals
- Willcox AVA - produces 74% of the wine grapes grown in AZ.

# NEW MEXICO

- most vineyards in the SW corner of the state
- hot, but at high altitudes (3800-6000 ft.)
- most planted grapes: Chard, SB, Cab, Merot + PN
- Gruit - 4300 ft. elevation, in Southern NM
- AVAs: Mesilla Valley (shared w/Texas) ①  
Middle Rio Grande Valley ②  
Mimbres Valley ③



# IDAHo



- Until 2007, only one appellation - Idaho State.

→ Snake River Valley in SW Idaho was approved in that year.

Eagle Foothills AVA +  
SW of Snake River Valley  
(est. 2015)

- nestled b/t Rocky Mountains → Snake River
- elevations from 1500 - 3000 ft.
- Ste. Chapelle winery
- volcanic + sedimentary soils
- shared w/ OR

• Coeur d'Alene - Northum | Idaho

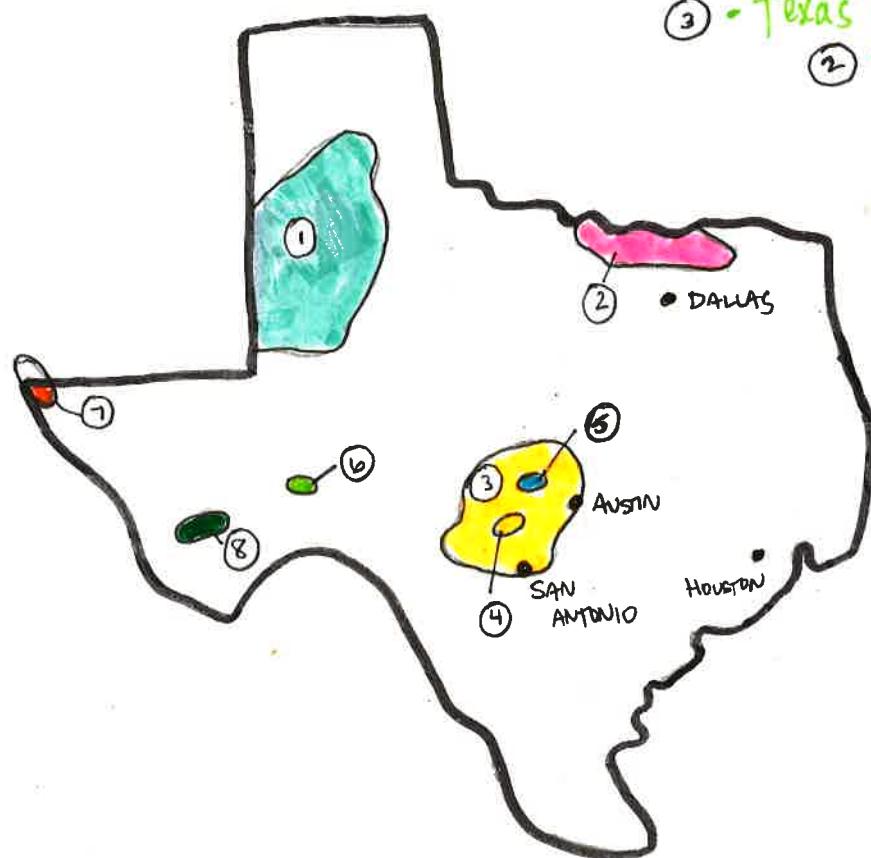
• Chard, Merlot + Cab → most planted grapes

Lewis-Clark Valley  
AVA → est. 2014  
- Shared w/ WA  
- lower elevations → rivers provide warmth  
- BdX, Pinot + Chard.

# TEXAS

## All AVAs:

- (5) - Bell Mountain
- (6) - Escoranda Valley
- (4) - Fredericksburg
- (7) - Mesilla Valley (shared w/ NM)
- (8) - Texas Davis Mountain
- (1) - Texas High Plains
- (3) - Texas Hill Country
- (2) - Texoma



- Pierce's disease  
a big issue. Ways to combat:

- Insecticides
- Predator insects
- Cultivation of disease resistant varieties:
  - Blanc du Bois
  - Norton (Cynthiana)
  - ~~Gammiana~~ Black Spanish

- 8 AVAs, 4 being the most significant:

- Texas Hill Country
  - o Fredericksburg in the Texas Hill Country (full AVA name)
  - o Bell Mountain
- Texas High Plains



## Texas Hill Country

- many vineyards, but just 300 acres - many of the region's wineries purchase grapes from high plains AVAs in West Texas.

### near Austin

- one of the largest AVAs in the country, smaller than just Ohio River Valley, Upper Mississippi Valley + the Columbia Valley
- limestone + granite outcrops → Edwards Plateau
- Fall Creek, Becker, Flat Creek

## Texas High Plains

- more important for grape growing than winemaking
- in western TX.

- average altitude of 3500 ft.

- dry, windy → irrigation is a necessity

most planted grapes: Chard, Viognier, Cab, Merlot, Tempranillo, Zinfandel, Grenache

Best varieties: Black Spanish / Zinfandel, Blanc du Bois, Muscat, Sangiovese, Tempranillo, Viognier

- only Texan AVA w/o much frost risk
- large diurnal swing

## FREDERICKSBURG

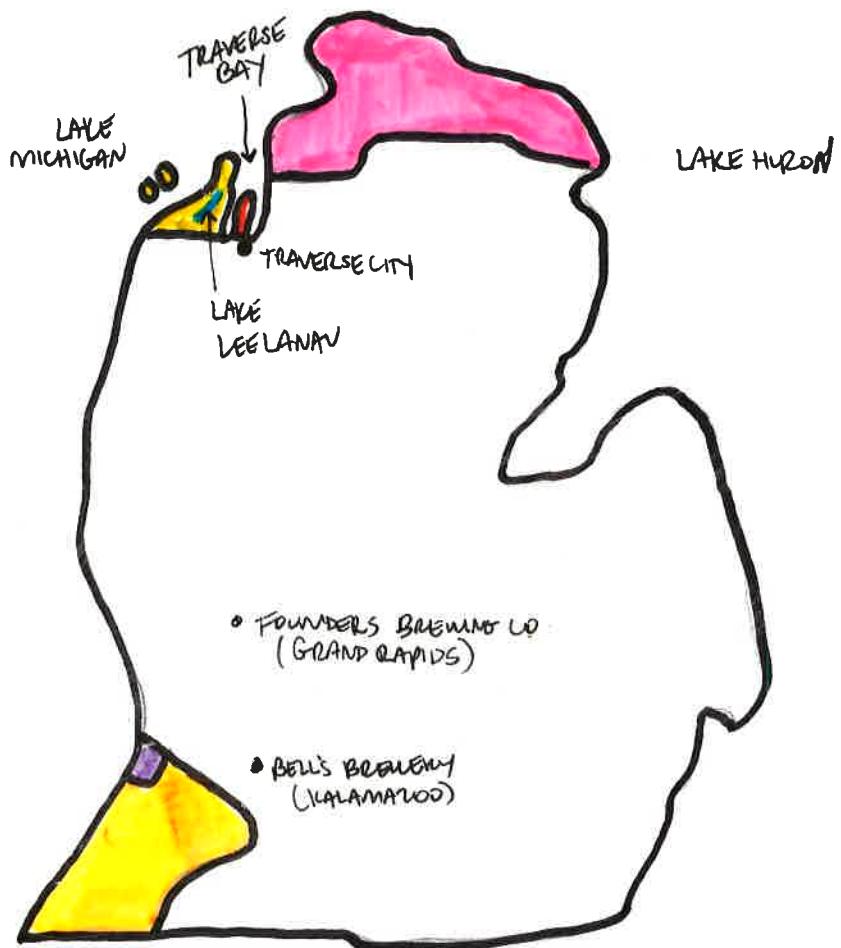
- Edwards plateau - limestone-rich savanna which covers a significant portion of west-central Texas.
- Chard + Chenin Blanc

## BELL MOUNTAIN

- first Texan AVA
- high altitude
- frost risk
- Bdx, Pinot

## MICHIGAN

- 2000 acres of wine grapes.
- Most planted: Riesling, PN, Gewürz, Cab Franc, Chard
- Hybrids too: Chambourcin, Frontenac, Marquette, Traminette, Vidal, Vignoles
- Vinifera is 60% of plantings.
- Hybrids 35%.
- Natives (Concord, Niagara + Catawba) are just 5%.
- Grapes need to be able to survive cold winters and ripen early in short, hot summers.
- Ice Wine - Riesling + Vidal
- AVAs - all near the eastern shore of Lake Michigan
- L. manby - Leelanau Peninsula
  - moderating effects of Lake Leelanau and Grand Traverse Bay.



### AVAs:

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| SW                         | • Fennville<br>• Lake Michigan Shore            |
| NW                         | • Leelanau Peninsula<br>• Old Mission Peninsula |
| N • Tip of the mitt (2016) |   |

## ILLINOIS

AVAs: Shawnee Hills, Upper Mississippi River Valley

## INDIANA

AVAs: Ohio River Valley

## OHIO

AVAs: Grand River Valley, Isle St. George, Lake Erie, Lorainie Creek

## WISCONSIN

AVAs: Lake Wisconsin, Upper Mississippi River Valley, Wisconsin Ledge

## OKLAHOMA

- AVA: Ozark Mountain (shared w/ Arkansas + Missouri)
- Most planted: Cab, Merot, Syrah, Riesling  
Best: Norton | Cynthiana, Syrah, Vidal, Vignoles, Viognier
- heat, drought, tornadoes, frost, etc.

## MISSOURI

- Most planted grape: Norton (aka Cynthiana)  
→ also, Chardonnay, Vignoles, Valvin muscat, Chambourcin
- icy winters, winds, hot summers, humidity → no vitis vinifera
- AVAs: Aragusta, Hermann, Ozark Highlands, Ozark Mtn.  
→ Mt. Pleasant winery

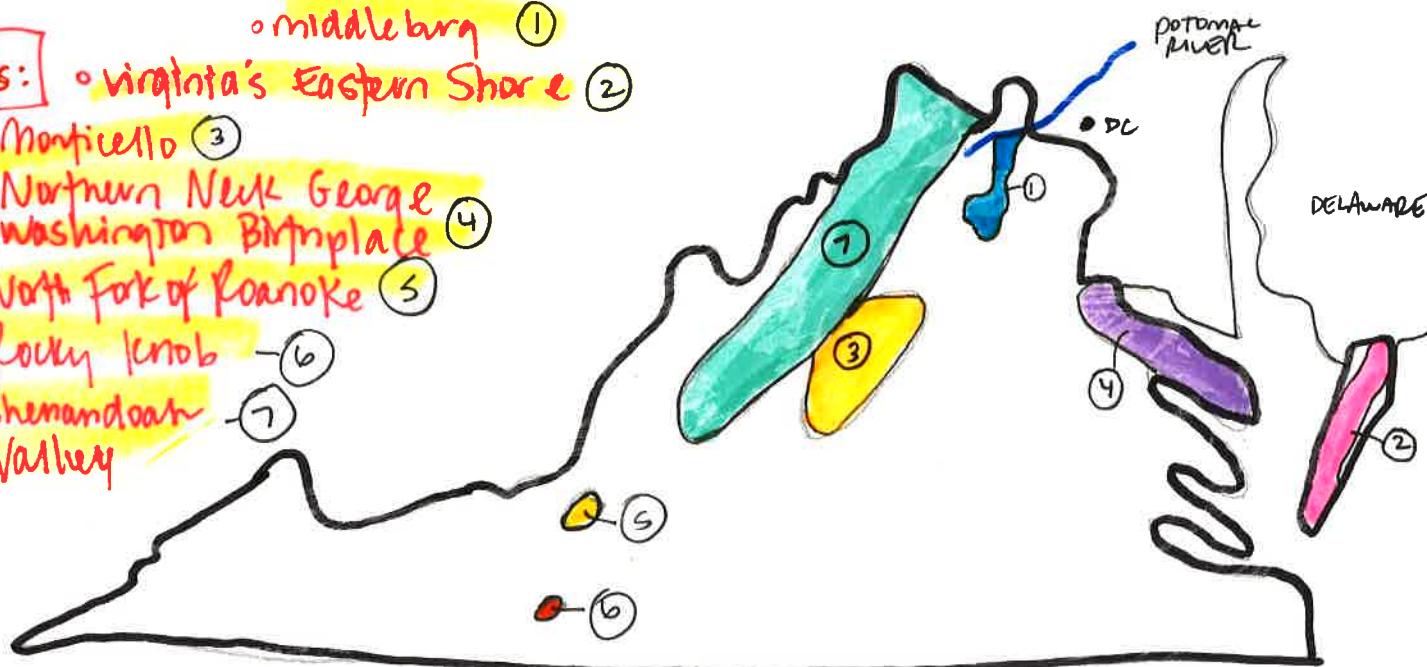
## MINNESOTA

- Alexandria Lakes AVA

# VIRGINIA

## AVAs:

- middleburg ①
- virginia's Eastern Shore ②
- Monticello ③
- Northern Neck George Washington Birthplace ④
- North Fork of Roanoke ⑤
- Rocky Knob ⑥
- Shenandoah Valley ⑦



- Fifth largest wine producing state in the US.
- hot humid conditions → fungal diseases
  - grapes w/ thick skins + loose clusters
- reds: Cab Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Napa
- whites: Viognier, Petit Manseng
- Middleburg AVA
  - approved 2012
  - Napa
  - RdV - short for Rendezvous = "Lost Mountain" Cab
  - "Rendezvous" - Bordeaux blend
  - frost is an issue
- Monticello AVA
  - half of VA's vineyard acreage
  - est. 1984 (first Virginia AVA)
  - Barboursville → Octagon (high end red Blx blend)
  - Blue Ridge Mountains → Appalachian range
  - Trump Winery, Jefferson Vineyards, Thibault-Jamison

## KENTUCKY

AVAs: Ohio River Valley

## NORTH CAROLINA

AVAs: Haw River Valley, Swan Creek, Yadkin Valley

## LOWER SOUTH

AVAs: Mississippi Delta (Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee)  
Ozark Mountain (Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma)

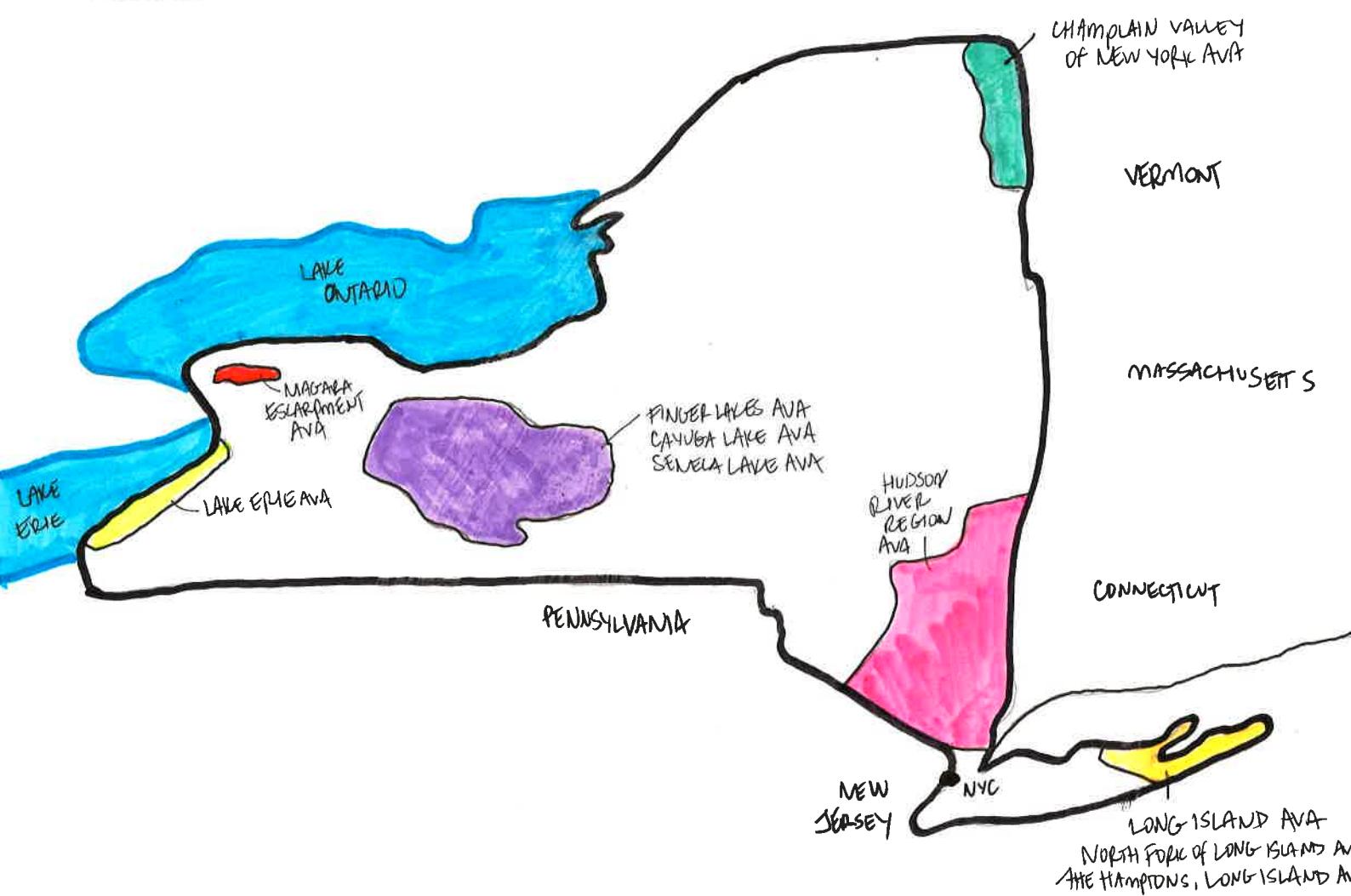
# NEW ENGLAND

AVAs : CT - Western Connecticut Highlands  
MA - Martha's Vineyard  
MA + RI - Southeastern New England

# NEW YORK

- 1839 - Brotherhood Winery → longest continuously operating winery (Hudson River Region)
- 1974 - Farm Winery Act → made it easier for small business
  - Boom in industry ↪ no need for middle man
- Cornell - hybrid creation to withstand cold, wet, windy climates
  - Noiret
  - Corot Noir
  - Valvin Muscat
  - Cayuga White
  - Chardonnay
  - Traminette
- Constellation Brands - started as Canandaigua Winery in Victor, NY
  - founded in 1945
  - Robert Mondavi, Clos du Bois, Howe Cellars, Arbor Mist, Manischewitz
    - ↪ last 2 still produced at Canandaigua!
- bodies of water - v. important in NY!
  - ↪ buffer hot + cold temps & reduce the risks of winter injury + spring & fall frosts.

# NEW YORK



## HUDSON RIVER REGION AVA

- AVA est. 1982
- Shawangunk + Catskill Mountains
- Pioneer of vinifera plantings is John Dyson of Millbrook Vineyards
  - Dyson also owns Williams Seylem
  - creator of Smart-Dyson trellising system
- Severe winters + humid summers
- Hybrids popular: Cayuga white, Seyval Blanc, Baco Noir, Marquette + Nobret
- Vinifera: Chardonnay, Cab Franc, Pinot Noir
  - Brotherhood Wines: 1839
- Native Iambousa grapes: Concord, Delaware + Niagara

# LONG ISLAND AVA

- Peconic Bay separates the two forks.
- Long Island Sound north of North fork  
Atlantic Ocean south of South fork.

- 4 counties: Kings, Queens, ] only last 2  
Nassau + Suffolk included in AVA

- Diff. b/t Finger Lakes:

- spring arrives sooner
- winter comes later

↳ longer growing season in

Long Island - works better for later ripening grapes like Cab + Merlot • Maritime Climate

- AVAs:

- The Hamptons, Long Island (est. 1985)

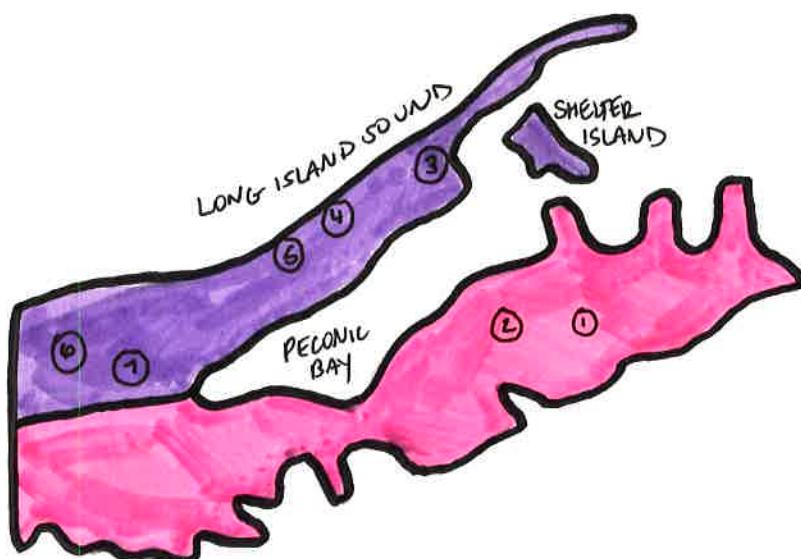
- the AVA petitions were all written by Richard Olsen-Hansen, winemaker at Bedell Cellars.

- North Fork of Long Island - more vineyards here (est. 1986)

General Long Island AVA est. 2001

- merlot + chard are the most planted grape s. Also, SB; CF + CS

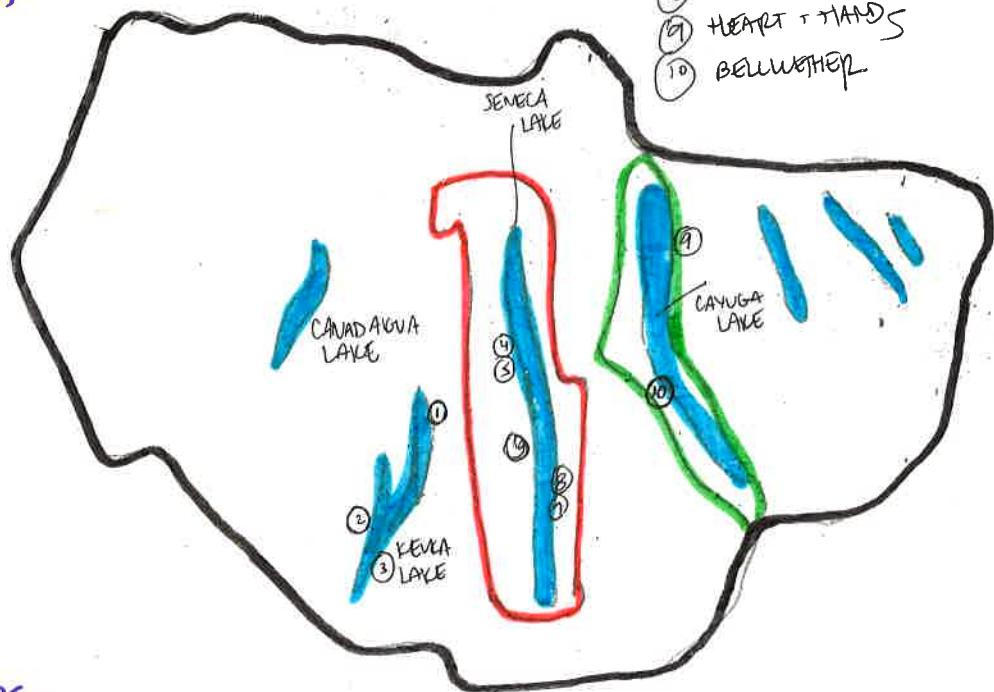
- Channing Daughters, Grapes of Roth, Pawmawok Vineyards, Roanoke Vineyards, Shinn Vineyards, Wölffer Estate



# FINGER LAKES

• 65% Labrusca plantings,  
20% hybrid, 15%  
Vinifera !!

- 1982 - est.
- SUB AVAs:
  - Cayuga Lake
  - Seneca Lake
- 11 Finger Lakes!
  - 300-450 ft. deep
  - lots of mineral + limestone deposits, conducive to high acid grape varieties.



- 4 lakes that play a role in grape growing:
  - Seneca - Cayuga - Keuka - Canandaigua
- Steep hillsides + Lakes prevent cold air from settling & creating frost
- growing season rains also pose an issue
- Best red grape: Cabernet Franc → Best white: Riesling!
  - matures earlier than Chardonnay
- hybrids - Cayuga, Vignoles
- Winemaking began w/ native + hybrid grapes in Finger Lakes
- Dr. Konstantin Frank - first vinifera - 1942

## SENECA LAKE AVA (est. 2003)

- largest + deepest of the finger lakes (35 mi x 634 ft.) → ripest wines
- Werner, Riesling
  - Magdalena Vineyard, HJW, & Josef Vineyard
- other producers to know: Anthony Road Wine Co., Red Tail Ridge, Piero

## CAYUGA LAKE AVA

- first sub AVA in 1988
- Heart & Hands Wine Co., Sheldrake Point Winery, Swedish Hill Vineyards
- longest lake

## KENYA LAKE

- not an AVA
- Dr. Frank Konstantin is here, as well as Ravines
- Y-shaped
- highest elevation

## NIAGARA ESCARPMENT AVA

- shared w/ Ontario, Canada as well as Michigan & Wisconsin
- Lake Ontario to the north, Niagara River to the west and the escarpment itself to the south
- Ice wine!
- Vidal Blanc is the most planted grape, w/ some Chard, Pinot Gris, SB, etc.

## LAKE ERIE AVA

- extends into Ohio & Pennsylvania
- 90% Concord grapes
- 42,000 acres

# PENNSYLVANIA

- 1968 - Limited Winery Act
  - ↳ allows wineries to bypass wholesalers & state monopoly stores
- Lake Erie AVA (NW Penn.)
  - Concord, Catawba & Niagara grapes
  - Riesling & Vidal Blanc
- Southwest - South-central regions of PA is where a majority of viticulture is.
  - ↳ more moderate climate (warmer) than further north
  - ↳ more vinifera - Cab Franc, Chard
  - ↳ Lehigh Valley, Lancaster Valley + Central Delaware Valley AVAs in SW Penn.

## AVAs:

- Lehigh Valley
- Lancaster Valley
- Central Delaware Valley (shared w/ New Jersey)
- Cumberland Valley (shared w/ Maryland)
- Lake Erie (shared w/ NY + OH)

# MID ATLANTIC STATES

NEW JERSEY: Central Delaware Valley, Outer Coast Plain, Warren Hills

MARYLAND: Cascoin, Cumberland Valley (shared w/ PA), Linganore

# CANADA

- winemaking began in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, but *vitis vinifera* was not planted until the 1970s (at least commercially)
- In the 1950s + 1960s, growers moved away from the native I动员ca varieties & American hybrids (Niagara, Concord, etc.) to French hybrids:
  - De Chavanne - became one of Canada's most planted varieties by the 1970s.
  - Baco Noir, Rosette, Maréchal Foch
- Prohibition in Canada - many local bans in the late 19<sup>th</sup> c.
  - national prohibition from 1918-1920
  - most provinces repealed ban in the 1920s, but some kept until the 1940s.
  - After prohibition, there was a moratorium on new winery licenses until 1974.
- After 1974, a movement toward small, premium production of *vinifera* vines.
- Inniskillin was founded in 1974 in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
  - Ice Wine ↗ Vignoble Blanc x Rayon d'Or / Seibel. Cultivated in the 1930s in France by Jean Louis Vidal for use in Cognac. Thick-skinned, winter hardy, high acidity.
  - Vidal is the only French hybrid allowed for VQA ice wine
  - Inniskillin: Cab Franc - Riesling
- Also the year that trade barriers opened up b/w US + Canada. The Canadian government offered incentives to growers to remove native vines + replant w/ *vinifera*.
- 1986 - Vitner's Quality Alliance is launched in Ontario (1990 in BC)
  - Ontario & British Columbia are the only regions w/ VQA status.
  - VQA standards are legally enforced in Ontario, but voluntary in British Columbia. BC's legal structure comes from the Wines of Merited Quality Regulation, '08.
  - 100% of grapes must be grown in respective province (Ontario or BC) for VQA wine.
  - Appellation labeling - BC: 95%
    - Ontario: 85% for apps + regional apps  
100% for sub-apps of Niagara Peninsula

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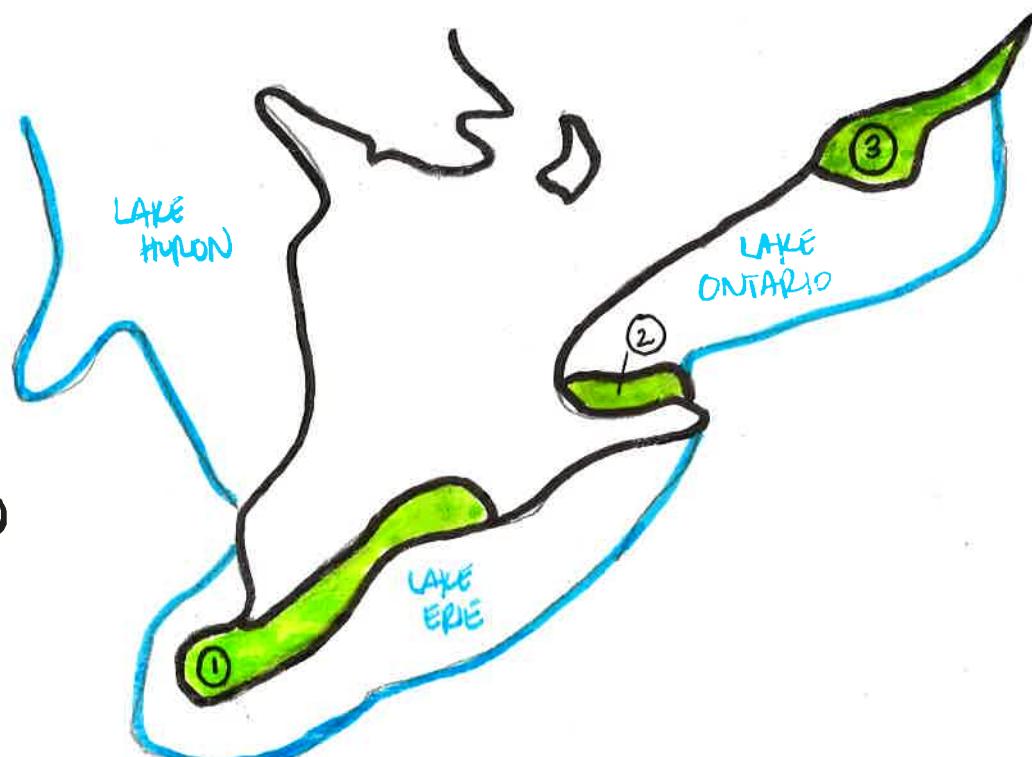
- single vineyard labeling - 100%
- vintage dated - 85% of grapes from that year
- BC VQA wines must state a vintage, except for sparkling, fortified + liqueur wines.
  - BC doesn't have to carry a vintage
  - sparkling wine doesn't have to carry a vintage.
- varietal wines: 85% must be that grape
- chaptalization is not authorized for the production of late harvest or icewine.

## ONTARIO

- largest region of production in Canada
- 3 main viticultural areas GL's of Ontario:

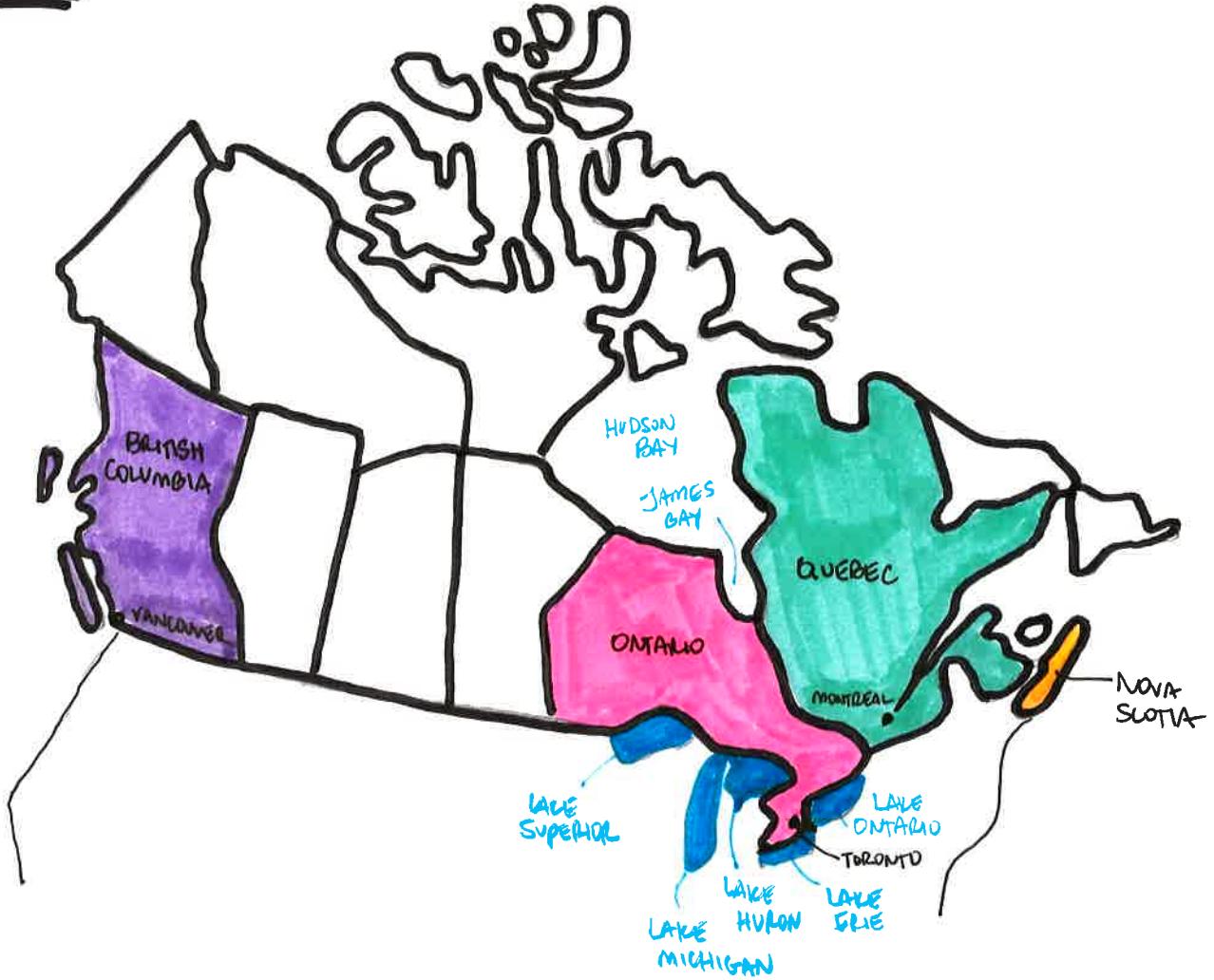
- Lake Erie North Shore ①
- Niagara Peninsula ②
- Prince Edward County ③

[PELLE ISLAND WAS DRAINED IN 2013]



- all located in the shores of Lake Erie & Lake Ontario.
- b/w 41° + 44° in latitude - cool, continental climate mitigated by the Lake Effect.
- Riesling, Chard, Cab Franc + Pinot Noir dominate
- Intent to produce icewine must be declared to the VQA in November
  - grapes must be harvested at night, no warmer than -8°C (17.6°F)
  - 32° Brix req'd; 125 g/L req'd
    - Vitis vinifera or Vidal Blanc
  - no chaptalization or cryo-extraction, but up to 15% Süssreserve is permitted (must have same min. must weight as the icewine)
    - Sub app: South Islands includes Pelle Island
- Prince Edward County
  - PN + Chard + Gamay
  - Norman Hardie, The Grange, Bay of Quinte, Rosehall Run, Clos du Bois, Hinterland
- Lake Erie North Shore - red grapes:
  - Lake St. Clair
  - Detroit River
- Calio. Vines

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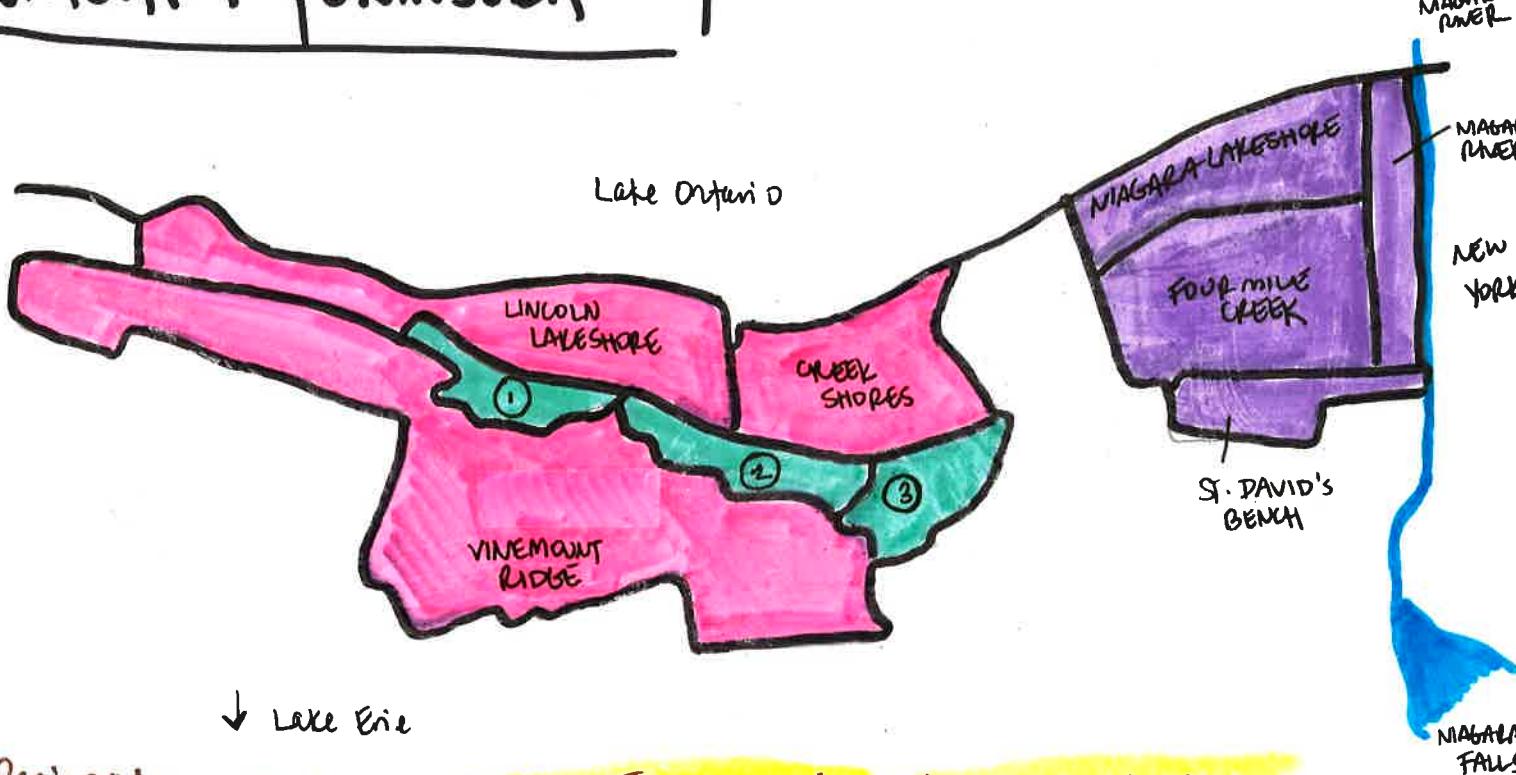


- Ontario + BC are responsible for 98% of the country's production
- Annual production is about 2% of that of the US

## **ONTARIO**

- Authorized VQA wine categories: Table wine, wine, Icewine, Botrytized wine, totally Botrytized wine, Late Harvest wine, Special Late Harvest wine, Special Select Late Harvest wine, Vin de Curé, Nouveau Red, Blanc de Noirs, Fortified Wine, Liqueur wine, Sparkling wine, Effervescent wine, Icewine Dosage, Sparkling Icewine all other:
- Permitted alcohol ranges: Fortified/Liqueur (14.9-20%), Vin de Curé (7-20%), 7-14.9%.
- Sparkling wine: Charmat or traditional → 9 mos. lees (12 if vintage dated)
  - Brut, max 15 g/L, Extra Dry, 15-25 g/L, Dry, 25-35 g/L, Semi-Dry, 35-50 g/L, Sweet, min. 50 g/L

# NIAGARA PENINSULA



↓ Lake Erie

- Regional appellations: Niagara Escarpment, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Sub-appellations:
  - not in a regional app:
    - Vinemount Ridge
    - Creek Shores
    - Lincoln Lakeshore
  - Niagara-on-the-Lake → Heats & cools at a different rate than the land.  
provides cooling breezes during the summer & warming ones during the fall.
  - Niagara Escarpment → Escarpment is a 650 mile long limestone ridge. Creates circulation of air, which extends the growing season by staving off frosts. Also shelters vineyards from the colder weather systems from the south.
    - Short Hills Bench ③
    - Beamsville Bench ①
    - Twenty mile Bench ②
- Major grapes + styles:
  - White: Riesling, Chard, SB
  - Red: Merlot, Cab Franc, Cab Sauv, Pinot Noir, Gamay

# NIAGARA PENINSULA

## - VINEYARD RIDGE

- south-facing, south of the Escarpment. Shorter growing season than the rest of Niagara (makes ice wine a bit more difficult)
- planted for riesling, some icewine, some sparkling wine
- Charles Baker, Taunus Quarry Road, Big Head, Vienna

## - LINCOLN LAKESHORE

- maritime climate! proximity to the lake. Lake effect strong
- glacially deposited sands + heavy clay loams. Queenston shale.
- Cabernet Franc, merlot, chard, riesling
- Redstone Vineyard

## - CREEK SHORES

- characterized by an abundance of creeks + streams running toward the lake.
- Riesling (dry + icewine), Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc
- lake effect (strongest here) + extends growing season to ensure sugar accumulation before frosts for icewine.
- 13th St. Winery, Creekside Estate Winery.

## NIAGARA ESCARPMENT

- sheltered benches at the base of the escarpment

- UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve

### - BEAMSVILLE BENCH

- Cave Spring Cellars, Hidden Bench, Peninsula Ridge

### - TWENTY MILE BENCH

- Flat Rock Cellars, Pearl Morissette

### - SHORT HILLS BENCH

- Henry of Pelham

- cab franc is a specialty of the escarpment

- icewine is quite common

## NIAGARA - ON - THE - LAKE

- southern border is the escarpment

- reddish-rich Queenston shale bedrock - sandy near lake, heavier clay near escarpment.

- best known region for icewine, as well as some dry wine made from Chard, riesling + cab.

### - NIAGARA LAKESHORE

- most moderate sub-region climactically. More annuals. prairie soils, Hinterbrook, Big Head

### - FORT MILE CREEK

- fertile + protective. Southern portion is prone to frost. High yields. Pondview, Cattail Creek, Coyote's Fur

### - ST. DAVID'S BENCH

- higher elevation. Chard + BDX grapes. Better known for dry wines from icewine Mutual de Charmes, Bachelor, Ravine, Creekside Estate

### - NIAGARA RIVER

- famous for its high quality icewine. River amplifies lake effect. Inwiskillin, Ruff Estate, Arrowhead Springs, Riverview, Two Sisters

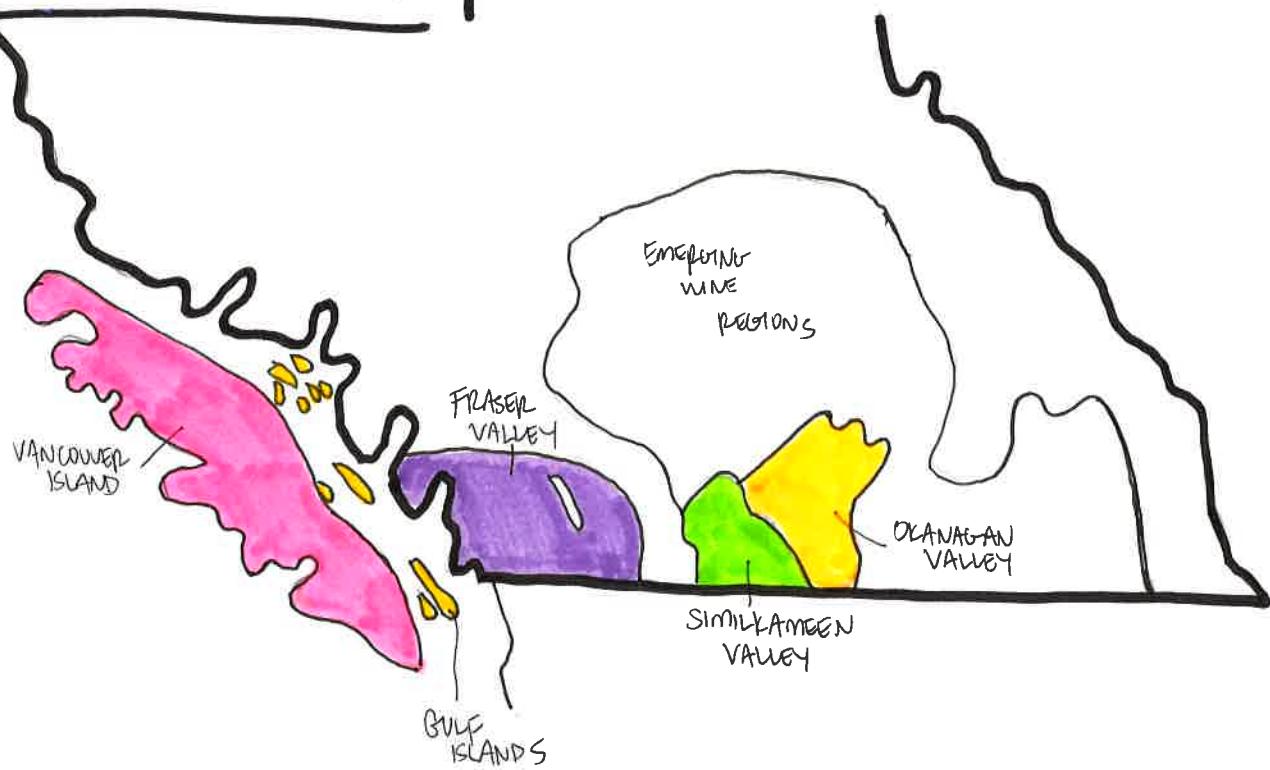
# INNISKILLIN

- Inniskillin was founded by Donald Ziraldo & Karl Kaiser in 1974.
- One of the first wineries to plant vinifera.
  - first vineyard was 32 acres, planted w/ riesling, chardonnay + gamay.
- First post-prohibition winery license in Niagara, issued in 1978.
- In 1977, while waiting for their vinifera vines to mature, they produced some hybrid wines.
- In 1978, Inniskillin moved to its current location on the Brac Farm Estate.
- In 1983, Karl Kaiser + three other Ontario wineries left their grapes on the vine in an attempt to make ice wine.
  - Inniskillin + Reif lost their entire crop to birds. Hillebrand + Pelee Island were able to harvest a minimal amount.
  - In 1984, nets were used + the first icewine was made. Vidal grapes, labelled "Eiswein".
- In 1991, Inniskillin's 1989 Vidal ice wine won the Grand Prix d'Honneur at Vinexpo → opened up the international market.
- Ziraldo handled the sales + marketing & was instrumental in the creation of the VQA.
  - In 1992, Inniskillin merged w/ Cartier wines (a historic Ontario winery) to form Cartier Inniskillin Wines Inc. In 1993, this newly formed company merged w/ The Bright Co. to found Vincor International, which it remains a subsidiary of.
  - 1994 - Inniskillin Okanagan
  - In 2004, Constellation bought Vincor.

## WINES:

- Vanefair Series (Niagara + Okanagan)
- Reserve Series (Niagara + Okanagan)
- Discovery Series (Okanagan) - new grape varieties to the region
- Single Vineyard Series (Niagara + Okanagan)
- Founders Series (Niagara) - chard + pinot
- Icewine (Niagara) - vidal, riesling, cabernet franc + sparkling icewine

# BRITISH COLUMBIA



- first bc vineyard planted in 1859 by french catholic missionaries. The first commercial winery opened in 1931.
- In the 70s, the government made a push toward vinifera → Helmut Becker was brought in from the Geisenheim Institute to conduct trials.
  - ↳ 1981, publishing of the "Atlas of Suitable Grape Growing Locations in the Okanagan & Similkameen Valleys of BC"
- 1986 - free trade Agreement b/w the US & Canada → FTA (changed its name to NAFTA in 1994 upon the inclusion of Mexico)
  - ↳ pointed out the weaknesses in the wine industry & was the impetus for improvement.
- government incentives to pull labrusca out & plant vinifera.
- 1990: British Columbia Wine Authority (BCWA) established.
  - all grapes must come from BC
  - 95% from the stated GI
  - 85% from the stated vintage + variety
  - no water or sugar added
  - tasting panel

} VQA status

# BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Vancouver Island
  - Unofficial subzones: Couichan Valley, Nanaimo,  
Saanich Peninsula
- Gulf Islands
  - Unofficial subzones: ~~Owles~~ Gabriola,  
Saturna Island
- Fraser Valley
- Similkameen Valley
- Okanagan Valley
  - Unofficial subzones: Golden Mile, Black Sage,  
Osoyoos, Kelowna,  
Naramata, Okanagan  
Falls
  - One of the world's most northerly wine regions
    - ↳ 49<sup>th</sup> parallel
  - 82% of British Columbia's wines come from the Okanagan  
~~Monashee~~ Valley.
  - Continental climate mitigated by Lake Okanagan
  - Rain shadow of the Monashee Mts.
  - PN, Chard, PG, Merlot & Pinot Blanc
  - Very little dessert wine

# BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Many young producers are passing on the VQA seal
  - more experimental wines don't pass the tasting panel
  - want to promote regions that are not official OIs.
- Govt. requires a winery to own 4 acres of land & a dedicated winemaking facility before it can sell direct to the consumer!
- most wine sold in Canada, and mostly at the winery

## "WINES OF MARKED QUALITY"

- Authorized wine categories: table wine, blanc de noirs (still), nouveau wine, (BC "Wine of Distinction") sparkling wine (traditional method or cuvee closed charmat). fortified, liqueur, Galera
- (BC "VQA" Certified Wine - includes all of the above, plus...) icewine, sparkling icewine, late harvest wine, Special Select late harvest wine, vin de cuve (dried grape wine), mentage
- permitted alcohol ranges: 14.9-20% (fortified/liqueur), 7-20% (all other)
- Sparkling wine - same reg's as Ontario
- most planted grapes (as of 2014):
  - Pinot Gris (22%), Chardonnay (20%), Gewürz (15%)
  - Merlot (30%), PN (21%), Cab (14%)
- OIs = DVAs (Designated Viticultural Areas)

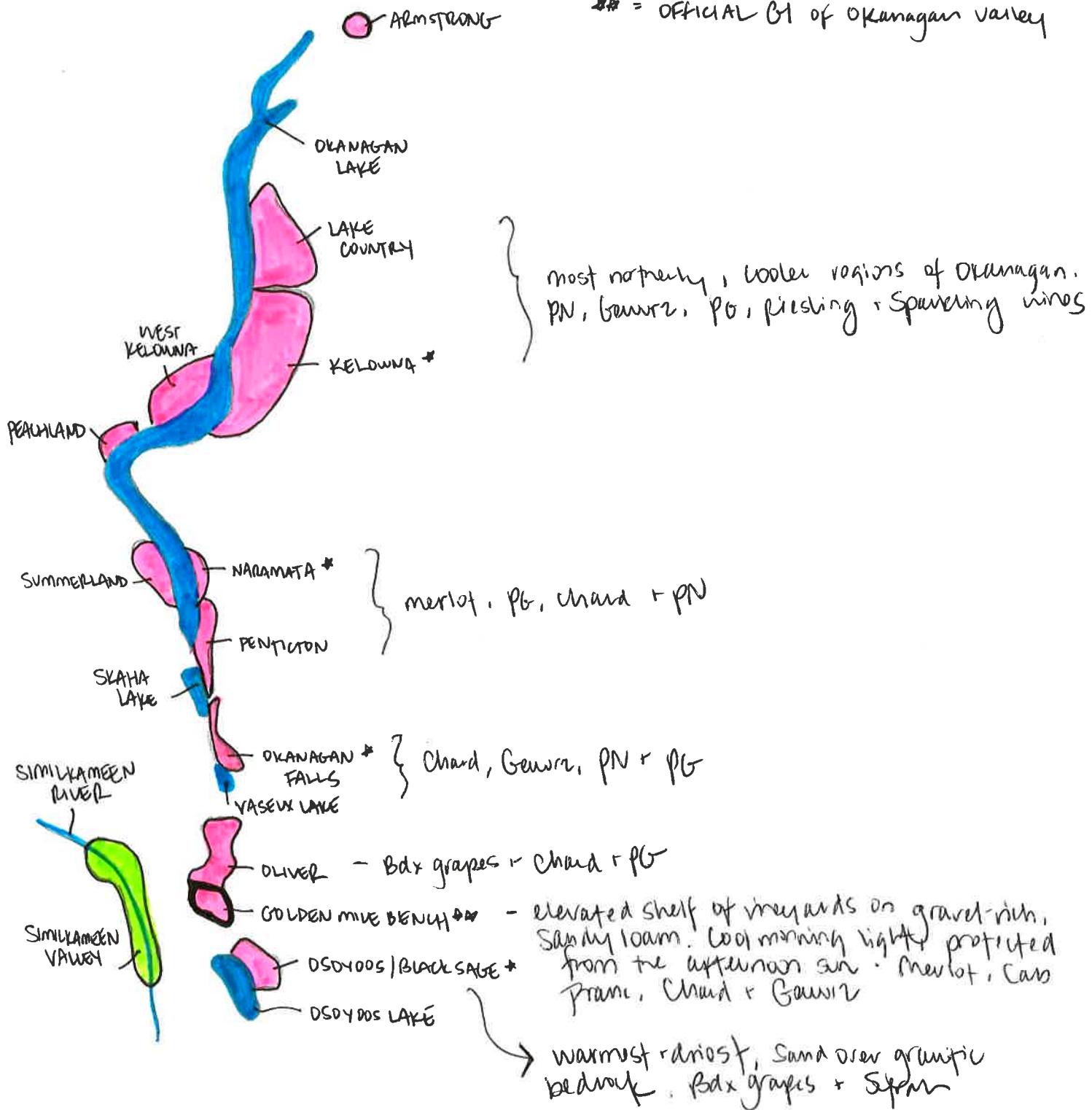
## VANCOUVER ISLAND

- production is limited → 432 acres under vine & only a handful of wineries in operation.
- PN, PG, Maréchal Foch, Ortega
- heavy rain, not a big issue
- Unofficial subzones: Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Saanich Peninsula

## GULF ISLANDS

- northern extension of Washington State's San Juan Islands, located in the Georgia Straight.
- only 94 acres under vine - similar climate to Vancouver Island.
- Unofficial subzones: Gabriola, Saturna Island

# BRITISH COLUMBIA



## NOTABLE WINEMAKERS, cont:

- L'Artisan / Le Vieux Pin (Osoyoos) - Mavemma / Rhone inspired
- Little Farm (Similkameen) - Riesling + Chard → Infinité (Oliver)
- Meyer family (Okanagan Falls) - Chard + PN
- Moraine Estate (Naramata) - PN
- Michel / Lark + Wolf (Naramata) | all over Okanagan
- Orofino (Similkameen) - single vineyard riesling, gamay, syrah (natural)

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## FRASER VALLEY

- functions as a tourist area for Vancouver.
- 200 acres planted mainly to hybrids. Vinifera is trucked in from the Okanagan.

## SIMILKAMEEN + OKANAGAN VALLEYS

- together, account for 90% of BC's wine.
- 4 hour drive from Vancouver.
- the only BC regions on the east side of the Cascades
  - 12-16 inches of precipitation here → very dry!
- very little non-vinifera planted
- short growing season, cold winters, but abundant sunlight, huge diurnal swing
  - weather mitigated by planting around lakes, rivers and at altitude.
- Okanagan: 120 miles north to south.
- quite high elevation: 1000-1300 ft.
- steep valleys, lots of wind → ease of organic farming
- east side → sandier, west side → more loam
- no phylloxera → many own-rooted vines
- high degree of irrigation
- Similkameen → more extreme climate (no moderating lakes)
  - 19 varieties
  - Rdx grapes + Chardonnay

## NOTABLE WINEMAKERS:

- Bella (Naramata) - sparkling wines
- Blue Mountain (Okanagan Falls) - sparkling, Gamay, PN
- Coolishanagan (Naramata) - PN + Chard
- Faztrot (Naramata) - PN
- Haywire (Summerland) - experimental
- Kamuzawa (Naramata River) - low alcohol Rdx blends
- Painted Rock (Staha Lake)
- Summerhill Pyramid - Bio-D, sparkling
- Synchromesh (Okanagan Falls) - single var. riesling
- Tantalus (Kelowna) - riesling
- TH Wines (Summerland)

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

### TIDAL BAY APPELLATION

- 100% Nova Scotia grapes
- white wine only
  - min. 51% combined Seyval, l'Acadie, Betschheim 318 + Vidal
  - max. 49% Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, etc.
  - max. 15% Gewürztraminer, Muscat, etc.
- 9.5 - 11% alcohol
- min. TA: 8 g/l (no acidification permitted)
- chaptalization is permitted to a maximum 2% increase in alcohol by volume.
- vintage dating is mandatory
- wines must be approved by tasting panel.

## **QUEBEC**

### Winegrowing regions:

- Eastern Townships
- Montérégie
- Ouest-du-Québec
- Centre-du-Québec
- Est-du-Québec

Quebec Certified wine - created in 2006

# ENGLAND

- Romans brought the vine to England.
- Christian monasteries maintained vineyards after the fall of the Empire.
- Henry VIII dissolved monasteries in the 16<sup>th</sup> century → initial dark age.
- It wasn't until after WWII that commercial interest in winemaking was rekindled.
- A label boasting "British wine" is typically a sweet Port-style or Sherry-style wine made from imported grape concentrate.  
"English" wine is the official term.
- Disease + rot are an issue, as well as getting grapes to ripen.
- 65% of all wine made is sparkling.
- 126 wineries as of 2012.
- first winery: Hambledon Vineyard in Hampshire, est. 1951
- the south of England is warmer + drier
- Sussex, Kent + Surrey have the most vineyards planted → SE England.



## SUSSEX

- situated on the English Channel
- frost + rot are still an issue, though it is warmer + drier by English standards.
- soil is characterized by "South Downs" → range of chalk hills
- above the 50<sup>th</sup> parallel
- Bacchus, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir + pinot meunier
  - (Silvaner x Riesling) + Müller Thurgau, developed in Germany in the 1930s.
  - Other grapes of England:
    - Ortega: Müller Thurgau x Siegerrebe [earlier ripening, developed in Germany]
    - Seyval Blanc: Late, minerally French hybrid used in sweet wine
    - Reichensteiner: High acid German crossing used in sparkling wine.

# ENGLAND

## KENT

- white cliffs of Dover
- same chalk limestone as Sussex → South Downs
- Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Bacchus & Oregon
- In 2015, Taittinger announced its purchase of land in Kent

## SURREY

- clayey soils from ancient marine fossils.
- Pommery + flattingly Varley have entered into a partnership here.
- Home to one of England's largest producers: Denbies

## HAMPSHIRE

- Seyval Blanc was the original grape planted here by Hambleton Estate.
- now replanted to Champagne varieties.

## EAST ANGLIA

- denser soils w/ a high proportion of clay
- Bacchus is the main grape

## SOUTHWEST ENGLAND

- Camel Valley → largest vineyard in Cornwall
  - Darnibole vineyard was just given England's first PDO! Single vineyard monopole of Camel Valley for Bacchus.

## IMPORTANT PRODUCERS

- Nyetimber - West Sussex
- Ridgeview - Sussex
- Chapel Down - Kent
- Denbies - Surrey
- Gussborne - Kent