Idaho Wine Industry
Wine Grape Fact Sheet

Idaho is a small but growing wine region with the natural resources to sustain world-class vineyards and wineries stretching from North Idaho down 500 miles to the Snake River Valley.

The warm climate, well-drained soils and direct access to water sources provides Idaho the key ingredients for fruit-forward wines with good structure.

GROWTH OF THE IDAHO WINE INDUSTRY:

(NUMBER of WINERIES)

1976 : 1
1985 : 6
1997 : 10
2002 : 11
2005 : 25
2008 : 38
2011 : 43

2013: **50**

(NUMBER of TONS HARVESTED)

2009: 3227
2010: 2373
2011: 2240
2012: 3769

AVG: **2,902**

(NUMBER of ID GALLONS PRODUCED)

2009: 327,344
2010: 333,816
2011: 334,891
2012: 434,484

AVG: **357,634**

IDAHO WINE INDUSTRY FACTS:

Wineries	**50**
Cases Produced AVG	**150,000**
Tons Harvested AVG	**2,902**
Elevation	**600-3,000 ft**
Economic Impact 2008	**$73 million**
Snake River Valley AVA approved	**April 2007**
Employment	**625 full-time jobs**

IDAHO'S LEADING VARIETIES:

WHITES
- Chardonnay
- Riesling
- Viognier

REDS
- Cabernet Sauvignon
- Syrah
- Merlot
- Malbec
- Tempranillo

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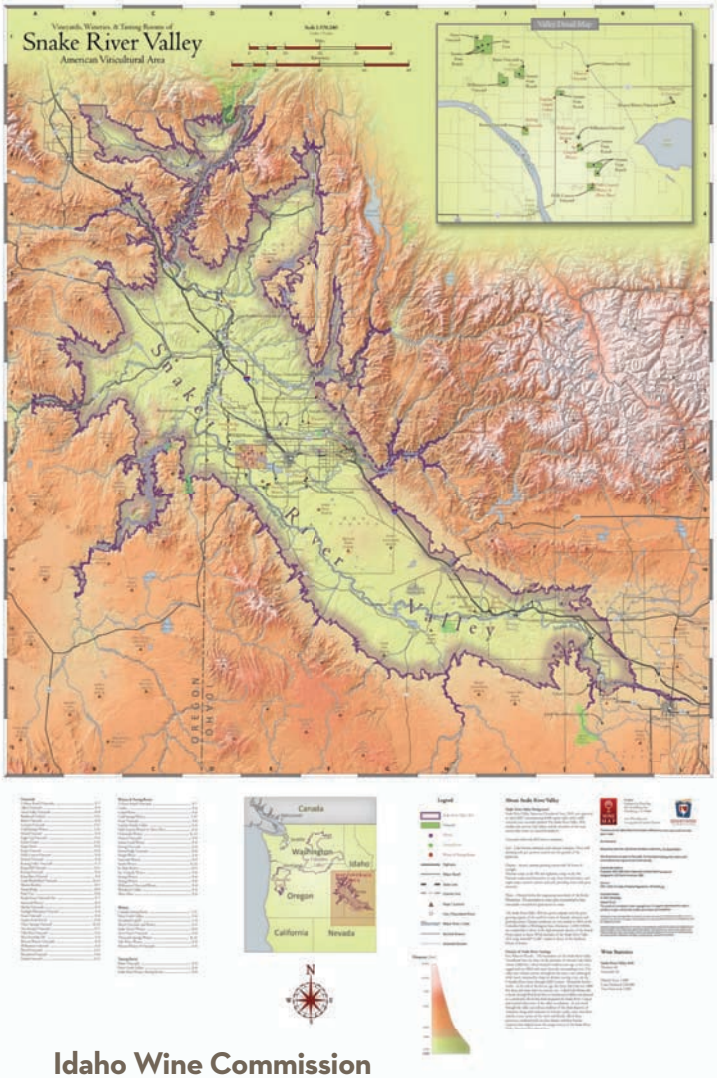
IDAHO TOTAL
ACRES
1,200

Snake River Valley American Viticultural Area (AVA) was approved in April 2007, encompassing 8,000 square miles with 1,200 vineyard acres currently planted. Snake River Valley AVA overlays the ancient Lake Idaho, the shoreline creating its natural boundaries.



The Snake River Valley AVA has good company with the great growing regions of the world in terms of latitude, elevation and growing season. Climate conditions are very similar to AVAs in the Columbia Valley in Washington State. Elevations (1,500-3,400 ft) and latitudes (43rd parallel) are comparable to those in the high mountain deserts of the famed Rioja region in Spain.

SOIL

Lake bottom sediments and volcanic remnants. These well draining soils give growers control over the growth of the grapevine.

CLIMATE

Intense summer growing season with 16 hours of sunlight. Daytime temperatures in the 90s and nighttime temperatures in the 50s. Daytime temperatures lend themselves to ripe, fruit-forward wines, cool night temperatures conserve tannins and acid, providing wines with great structure.

WATER

Directly below the originating water sheds of the Rocky Mountains. The proximity to water gives Idaho potential to have sustainable vineyards for generations to come.

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