

ANCIENT PEAKS

SANTA MARGARITA RANCH SINGULAR AVA

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SANTA MARGARITA RANCH



+/- 18,300 ACRES

REG. II

2,501-3,000 ° DAYS
(BORDEAUX, COLUMBIA VALLEY & PIEDMONT)



20-30°f

COOL SUB AVA



29 in

HIGH RAINFALL

The Winkler Scale is composed of regional numbers (II-IV), which apply to degree days according to the amount that the day's average temperature exceeds 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

 **Diurnal Temperature** is the average daily temperature variance between the coolest and warmest point of the day between April 1 and October 31.

 **Rainfall** amount is an average amount of rainfall based on historical data.

Margarita Vineyard stands alone and apart as the southernmost vineyard in the Paso Robles region. This demarcation was officially **recognized in late 2014** with the creation of the Santa Margarita Ranch American Viticultural Area (AVA), a new sub - appellation of the Paso Robles AVA. Margarita Vineyard now enjoys the rare distinction of being the only vineyard located within its own namesake AVA—a testament to the vineyard's unique sense of place. In the words of the official AVA petition, the Santa Margarita Ranch viticultural area "is distinctive from that of other areas of the Paso Robles AVA, in terms of topography, geology, geological history, soils, and climate."

AVA LOCATION

The Santa Margarita Ranch AVA is situated along the foot of the coastal Santa Lucia Mountain Range, roughly 25 miles southeast of the city of Paso Robles and just 14 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the west.

AVA ATTRIBUTES

Santa Margarita Ranch is **one of the coolest sub-appellations** within the Paso Robles AVA. The **maritime influence** increases to the west towards the Pacific Ocean and below specific topographic gaps in the range, making it "very much a true, **cool Region II climate.**"

Santa Margarita Ranch is also marked by an unusual diversity of soils, due largely to an array of **active fault lines** along the coastal ridge. The churning of the faults has resulted in **five distinct soil types** that ebb and flow across Margarita Vineyard.

Of the 11 sub-appellations within the Paso Robles AVA, Santa Margarita Ranch receives among the **highest amount of rainfall—29 inches per year on average** "as Pacific storms dump their water across the steep, high mountain ridge."