

wine notes

Plenty of room at the tasting table

Down-home in Suisun Valley

As California's No.1 wine destination, Napa Valley offers the most wine tasting opportunities locally. But wineries in both Solano and Yolo counties are working industriously to claim their place at the dinner table and in the minds of wine lovers.

Solano County's Suisun Valley was recognized as an official American viticultural area in 1982, just one year after Napa Valley.

Because the soil and climate are so similar to Napa Valley, vintners there have been buying Suisun Valley grapes to blend into their wines for decades. Even though Suisun Valley wineries are making some award-winning wines, the area has yet to be recognized as a fine-wine growing region.

As a result, wines here tend to be modestly priced and the wine tasting experience more laid-back.



