

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ANDERSON VALLEY WINE DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The Anderson Valley Wine District is located in Mendocino County in northwestern California. The Anderson Valley follows Anderson Creek to its junction with the larger Navarro River at Philo. Most of the wineries are situated in the stretch between Boonville and Navarro along CA-128. The Navarro River continues on to its outlet to the Pacific Ocean south of Albion and north of Elk. The countryside is one of steep ridges and narrow valleys. This topography spreads the wineries over a considerable area. Elevations in the wine district average between 200 and 200 feet above sea level, although at least one winery is perched up on a ridge. The redwoods of *Hendy Woods State Park* are worth a visit while you're in the area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:46	10:43	11:56	13:13	14:18	14:52	14:38	13:42	12:30	11:13	10:06	9:29
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:19	6:22	7:14	8:59	10:13	11:54	11:59	11:07	9:34	8:07	6:07	4:08
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	39%	39%	45%	52%	64%	72%	71%	67%	60%	44%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	21°	24°	26°	30°	34°	40°	44°	43°	38°	31°	25°	21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36°	38°	39°	41°	45°	49°	52°	51°	48°	44°	39°	36°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56°	60°	64°	69°	74°	81°	88°	88°	83°	75°	64°	57°
HIGH FOR MONTH	70°	73°	78°	83°	92°	97°	102°	101°	98°	92°	79°	70°
FROSTY MORNINGS	35%	23%	13%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	19%	34%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%	26%	55%	54%	36%	10%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	51%	44%	43%	39%	35%	29%	30%	31%	38%	51%	56%
DRY DAYS	58%	57%	65%	77%	87%	93%	99%	98%	93%	83%	70%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	68%	73%	83%	91%	97%	99%	99%	96%	90%	76%	71%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.28	1.15	0.79	0.41	0.16	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.31	0.79	1.11
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	26%	20%	13%	10%	10%	11%	12%	16%	15%	16%	22%	25%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 67% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 44% in cloudy and rainy December and January, to a high of 82% in sunny July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 19° at some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 104° on some equally clear and windless summer afternoon. Clear skies and calm airs tend to make the high temperatures higher and the low ones lower. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones throughout the year, due to the relatively low humidity. During the summer, the valley's climate is a continental one, with large daily temperature ranges. During the winter, the effect of the nearby Pacific Ocean is more noticeable, as maritime air moves farther up the valley and the range between the daily high temperature and the daily low temperatures drops to about half of its summer value. Farther downstream from the wine district, the valley becomes much more maritime, the summer temperature range drops, and the incidence of summer fog increases.