

FIDDLEHEAD CELLARS



Happy Canyon of Santa Barbara AVA: Informational Facts

- 23,941-acre wine growing region.
- The smallest AVA in Santa Barbara County.
- Located in the easternmost part of the Santa Ynez Valley.
- Lies north and west of Lake Cachuma.
- Designated as an official American Viticultural Area (AVA) by the Trade and Tax Bureau (TTB) in November, 2009.
- Home to six major vineyards: Cimarone, Grassini, Happy Canyon Vineyard, McGinley, Star Lane, and Vogelzang Vineyards.
- Recognized for its unique micro-climate and its ability to produce top quality Bordeaux varietals like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Sauvignon Blanc, Malbec and Petit Verdot, as well as many Rhône varietals.
- Average summertime temperatures in the low nineties with mid-morning fog burn-off.
- The soil, a mixture of loam and clay loam with interspersed cobbles, is high in mineral levels while low in nutrients, resulting in small vines and very low grape yields—a circumstance that results in concentrated flavors and excellent terroir expression.