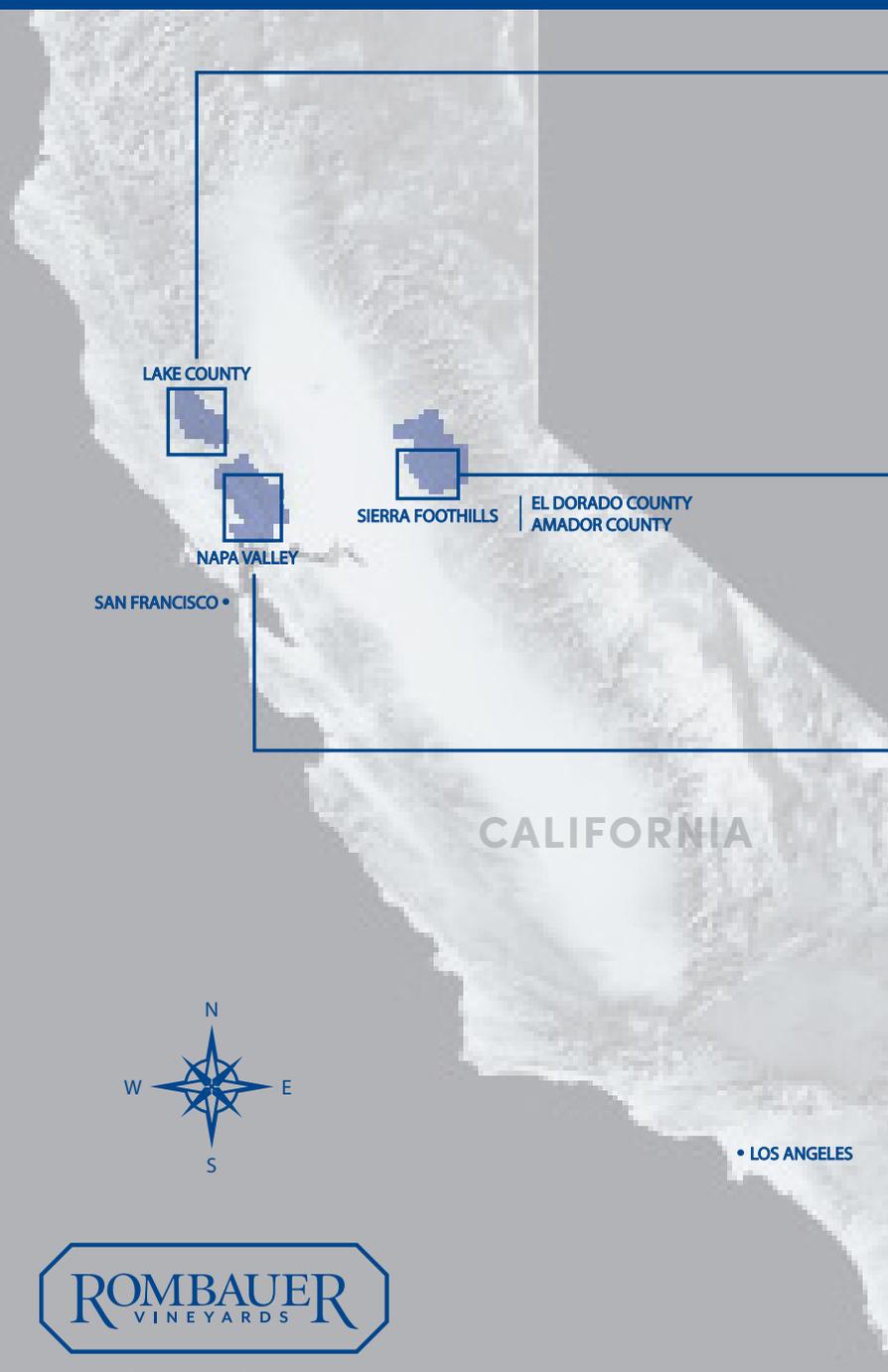
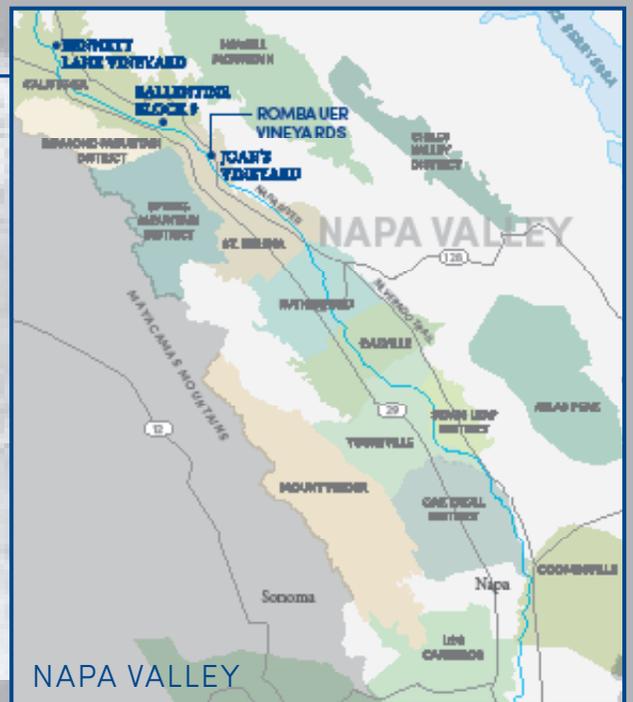
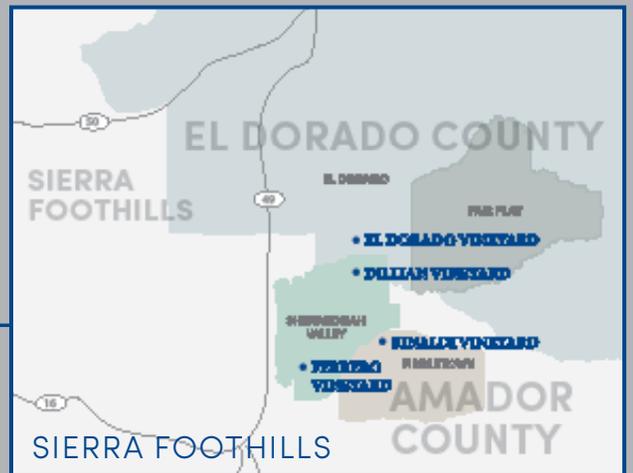


ZINFANDEL VINEYARDS

Our Zinfandels are a tribute to California wine history, sourced from some of the state's oldest and most revered regions for this varietal. In addition to our estate vineyards, we source fruit from several family-owned sites, some of which date back more than 100 years. These historic vineyards have stood the test of time, and we are honored to be trusted with their small yet precious yields. While we don't own all these sources, we work closely with their caretakers, using the same combination of technology and hands-on vineyard practices employed in our estate vineyards.



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RINALDI VINEYARD *Fiddletown, Amador County | 22 acres*

Originally established in 1865, this gem of a vineyard sits at 1,600 to 1,800 feet above sea level in the Sierra Foothills of Amador County, one of the oldest Zinfandel growing regions in California. The head-trained, dry-farmed, 100+-year-old vines are naturally self-limiting, producing loose clusters of small, very intensely flavored grapes. The Eschen block, which is well over 100 years old, forms the core of our Fiddletown Zinfandel, while the younger Rene block — planted with cuttings from Eschen — goes into our Rombauer Zinfandel.

DILLIAN VINEYARD *Shenandoah Valley, Amador County | 14 acres*

Owned by Tom Dillian, an Amador County farmer and wine grape “guru” for over 30 years, Dillian Vineyard is located in the cooler Shenandoah Valley region of Amador County. The vineyard dates back to the 1970s, although this region has been known for its wine grapes since the early days of the Gold Rush. Dillian features the head-trained, dry-farmed Zinfandel vines typical of the area, and is a key source for our Rombauer and Proprietor Selection Zinfandels.

FERRERO VINEYARD *Amador County | 60 acres*

At 60 acres, Ferrero Vineyard is one of the largest old vine vineyards in California, owned by John Ferrero, who happened to be born on the property. The oldest block, from which Rombauer receives 1 ton of fruit, was planted in 1904; most of the remaining vineyard was planted after World War II. The first time Winemaker Richie Allen saw the grapes from Ferrero, they were so small he thought they were Cabernet. They were Zinfandel, however, and the fruit has been used in our Rombauer Zinfandel ever since.

DIENER VINEYARD *Red Hills, Lake County | 28 acres*

Sitting at an elevation of 1,700 feet, Diener is in the Red Hills sub-appellation of Lake County, north of Napa Valley. The property is owned by third-generation farmers William and Charles Diener, whose ancestors were on their way to Sausalito when they were waylaid in Calistoga and eventually wound up at the walnut orchard that is now Diener. The vineyard looks like an amphitheater with terraced hillsides, and the Zinfandel grapes have an unmistakable cracked black pepper aroma that gives definition to the word *terroir*.

EL DORADO VINEYARD (ESTATE OWNED) *El Dorado, Sierra Foothills | 150 acres*

Having purchased grapes from El Dorado in the past, Koerner Rombauer jumped at the chance to own this dramatic, high-elevation (1,650 feet) site in the Sierra Foothills when it came up for sale in 2010. The vineyard needed much work, but two years and hundreds of labor hours later, it produced the grapes — and wine — Koerner knew it was capable of. The vineyard is a source for Rombauer Zinfandel, as well as one of our dessert wines — a limited-production vintage Port fashioned from the old Portuguese varieties that still grow there.

BALLENTINE BLOCK 9 *Calistoga, Napa Valley | 12 acres*

Rombauer has purchased Zinfandel grapes from the Ballentine family for more than a decade. This northern Napa Valley property sits in the center of the valley, with high-end Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards to the east and west. Forming the core of our Napa Valley Zinfandel, the wine from this vineyard is quite simply some of the best Napa Valley Zinfandel we’ve ever tasted.

BENNETT LANE (ESTATE OWNED) *Calistoga, Napa Valley | 65 acres*

Bennett Lane in northern Calistoga is more like two vineyards in one, with different soil types that dictated Zinfandel and Petite Sirah plantings on one side of the property and Bordeaux varietals at the other. The warm, northern Napa Valley climate here is hospitable to heat-loving Zinfandel, and the vineyard is a key source for both the Rombauer and Napa Valley Zinfandels.

Varieties: Zinfandel
Soils: Shenandoah Series
Wines: Fiddletown Zinfandel, Rombauer Zinfandel
Dates planted: 1903 and 2004
Owner: Gino Rinaldi

Varieties: Zinfandel
Soils: Shenandoah Series
Wines: Rombauer Zinfandel, Proprietor Selection Zinfandel
Dates planted: 1972, 1978, 1993 and 1995
Owner: Tom Dillian and the Dillian family

Varieties: Zinfandel
Soils: Shenandoah Series
Wines: Rombauer Zinfandel
Dates planted: 1904 and 1950s
Owner: John Ferrero

Varieties: Zinfandel, Petite Sirah
Soils: Aiken Series
Wines: Rombauer Zinfandel
Dates planted: 1996
Owner: William and Charles Diener

Varieties: Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Primitivo, Souzao, Avelhao, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cão
Soils: Shenandoah Series
Wines: Rombauer Zinfandel, El Dorado Zinfandel, Vintage Port
Dates purchased: 2010
Dates planted: 1999/2000; replanted 2007/2008

Varieties: Zinfandel
Soils: Bale Series
Wines: Napa Valley Zinfandel
Dates planted: 1988
Owner: Ballentine family

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah
Soils: Bale Series, Clear Lake
Wines: Rombauer Zinfandel, Napa Valley Zinfandel, Zinfandel Port
Dates purchased: 2010
Dates planted: 2003