

## Comptche AVA

The Comptche AVA is positioned within the boundaries of the existing North Coast AVA. However, it has been determined that the climate and soil of the area are distinctly different from those of the surrounding AVA., The authorities have determined that the Comptche AVA is not considered a sub-appellation or part of the North Coast AVA. This means that wine producers will not be able to use “North Coast” as an appellation of origin for wines made from grapes grown anywhere in the Comptche AVA..

**Topography:** The AVA is about 11 miles inland from the Pacific Coast and consists of a low-elevation valley surrounded by forests and steep ridges. This contributes to the area’s cool climate, as cool air sinks into the valley from the higher elevations at night.

**Climate:** The AVA is cooler than the surrounding area and the other AVAs in Mendocino. Pinot Noir is the only variety grown in the area. The AVA covers a total of 575 ha. of which, approximately 12ha. are planted to vineyards. There are currently three commercial vineyards in the area.

