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2026 California Winegrape Mapping Project Released

Statewide Analysis Identifies 439,115 Standing Acres and 47,229 Acres Removed

SACRAMENTO, CA – October 15, 2026 – The California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG), in partnership with industry grower and vintner associations, has released the results of the 2026 California Winegrape Mapping Project, providing a detailed statewide view of winegrape acreage.

The analysis identified 439,115 acres of standing winegrape vineyards as of August 1, 2026 and 47,229 acres removed between August 1, 2025 and August 1, 2026.

“This project reflects our industry coming together to invest in better information at a time when we need it most,” said Natalie Collins, CAWG president. “The findings put numbers to changes growers are experiencing firsthand, and behind those numbers are difficult decisions affecting families, employees and local businesses. Acreage is adjusting to a difficult market, but as we work to rebuild demand for California wine, we have to make sure the growers at its foundation are still farming when that demand returns.”

Conducted by Land IQ, a Sacramento-based agricultural and environmental science firm, the project uses advanced remote sensing, artificial intelligence and on-the-ground field verification to map vineyard blocks statewide. Results are summarized by county, Crush District and American Viticultural Area (AVA).

Standing acreage encompasses bearing, non-bearing, minimally farmed, mothballed and abandoned vineyards where vines remain physically in the ground. The mapping does not distinguish among these categories or determine whether an individual vineyard is commercially active.

Now in its second year, the project builds on the inaugural 2025 mapping with a refreshed annual snapshot of standing vineyard acreage and removals. The update incorporates newly captured vineyard acreage, classification changes and refined field boundaries. Newly captured acreage should not be interpreted solely as new 2026 plantings.

The interactive mapping tool allows users to compare the 2025 and 2026 layers and explore changes in California’s vineyard footprint.

Access to Project Results

The statewide summary of the report and the project FAQ are available publicly. The full report and password-protected interactive mapping tool were developed and funded as industry planning resources and are available exclusively to members of CAWG and participating regional organizations.

Public materials and member access information are available at: cawg.org/grower-resources/vineyard-mapping/

Informational Webinar

CAWG, in partnership with Allied Grape Growers and Land IQ, will host a webinar on October 29 at 11:00 AM to discuss the findings, demonstrate the mapping tool and answer industry questions. All are welcome to attend.

Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_b8Vox_Y3S4S_w9w7_fOQtw#/registration

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About the California Association of Winegrape Growers: CAWG is a statewide nonprofit trade association advocating for California's winegrape growers to ensure the sustainability of the winegrape industry. CAWG promotes the industry's long-term success by advancing the adoption of sound public policies and fostering awareness and understanding of winegrape growers' contributions to the economy, environment, and California communities. Learn more at cawg.org.

2026 STANDING WINEGRAPE ACREAGE

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RESULTS

The California Association of Winegrape Growers (CAWG), in partnership with regional grower and vintner associations, commissioned Land IQ to develop an in-season, statewide winegrape acreage assessment.

Standing winegrape acreage was assessed as of August 1, 2026, and vineyard removals were identified for the period between August 1, 2025, and August 1, 2026. Standing acreage reflects all vines physically in the ground, including bearing and non-bearing vineyards, as well as vineyards that have been mothballed or abandoned but not yet removed. Removed vineyards have also been determined through spatial analysis for the same period.

Newly planted or newly identified acreage is incorporated as it is captured through imagery and ground verification. The annual update also includes corrections to vineyard classifications and refinements to mapped field boundaries.

The assessment identified the following statewide:

- 439,115 acres of standing winegrape vineyards
- 47,229 acres of removed winegrape vineyards

The full report includes standing vineyard acreage and removals by county, Crush District and American Viticultural Area (AVA). The detailed report and interactive mapping tool are available as member resources through CAWG and participating regional organizations.

INTRODUCTION

Land IQ has mapped winegrapes as a part of the “Vineyard” crop class for the Department of Water Resources since 2014. This mapping effort differentiates winegrapes from the other vineyard crops which also include table grapes and raisins. In 2025, the first map differentiating winegrapes from table grapes and raisins was produced.

APPROACH

Land IQ draws upon on multiple lines of evidence including agronomic and remote sensing knowledge, unique field boundaries, robust on-the-ground verification, customized image analysis, artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms to classify vineyards.

For each mapped year, Land IQ performs the following steps:

1. Imagery Acquisition
2. Irrigated Field Boundary Delineation
3. Ground Truthing
4. Remote Sensing Analysis
5. Change Analysis and Update

Note: Removed acreage represents gross removals identified during the year. The standing-acreage total is a refreshed annual snapshot that also incorporates newly mapped plantings, classification changes, refined field boundaries and other mapping corrections. Therefore, the change in standing acreage from one year to the next will not equal the acreage identified as removed.