# ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

THE FINANCIALS OF GRAPE GROWING

May 15, 2023



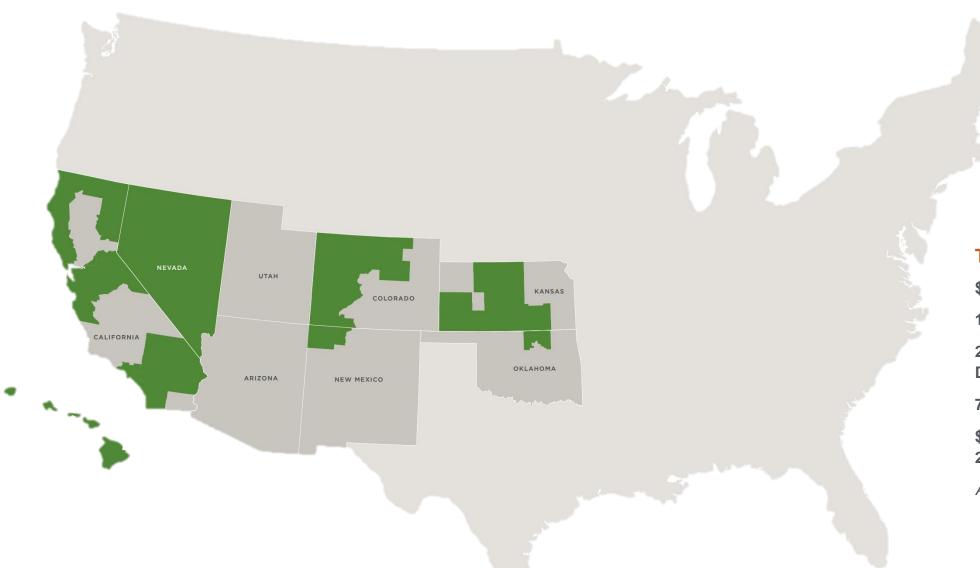


## **DISCUSSION**

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## **AMERICAN AGCREDIT SNAPSHOT**



#### **Territory Facts**

\$18.5 Billion Net Assets

11,094 Customers

20 Members Board of Directors

795 Employees

\$358 Million Net Income in 2022

As of 12/31/22



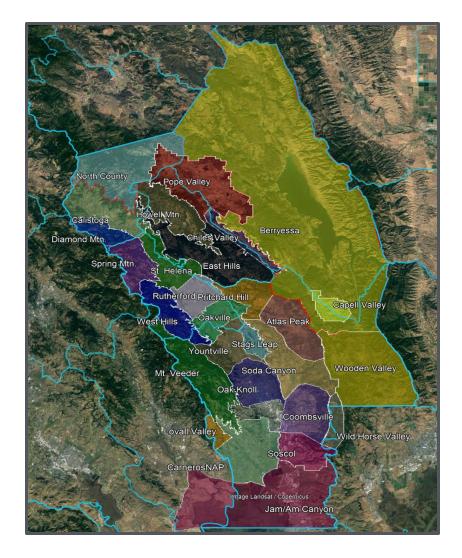




## **APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT**

#### What We Do

- Track every vineyard sale in the region
- All sales are confirmed and tracked in a database
- Sales data forms the basis of property appraisal
- Every acre of the county falls into a Market Zone
  - Most follow AVA boundaries
- The sales and market zones provide valuable analytics support for other departments and projects

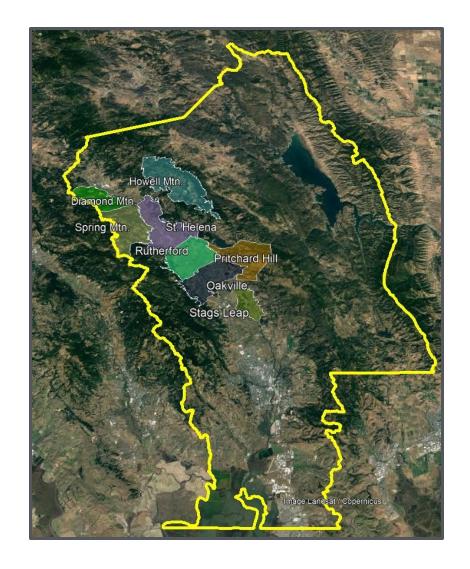






## PRIMARY MARKET

- Generally found in the heart of the Valley and neighboring hillside locations
- Excellent soils and climate capable of producing high value varietals like Cabernet Sauvignon
- High grape and bottle pricing

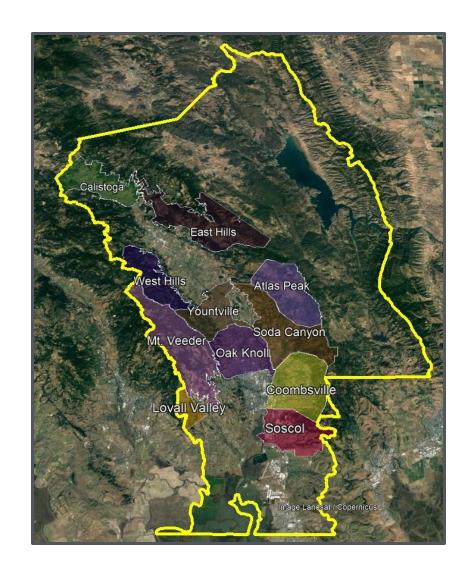






## **SECONDARY MARKET**

- Generally found in areas north and south of the Primary areas
- Areas where it may be too hot or too cold to produce the highest quality Cabernet Sauvignon
- Most suitable varieties may be something other than CS, such as Merlot or Sauvignon Blanc
- Recent trend is to plant CS anyway to take advantage of high pricing
- Average grape and bottle pricing

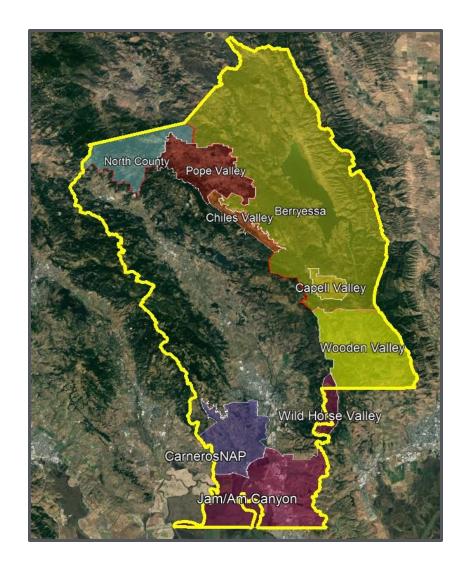






## **OUTLYING MARKET**

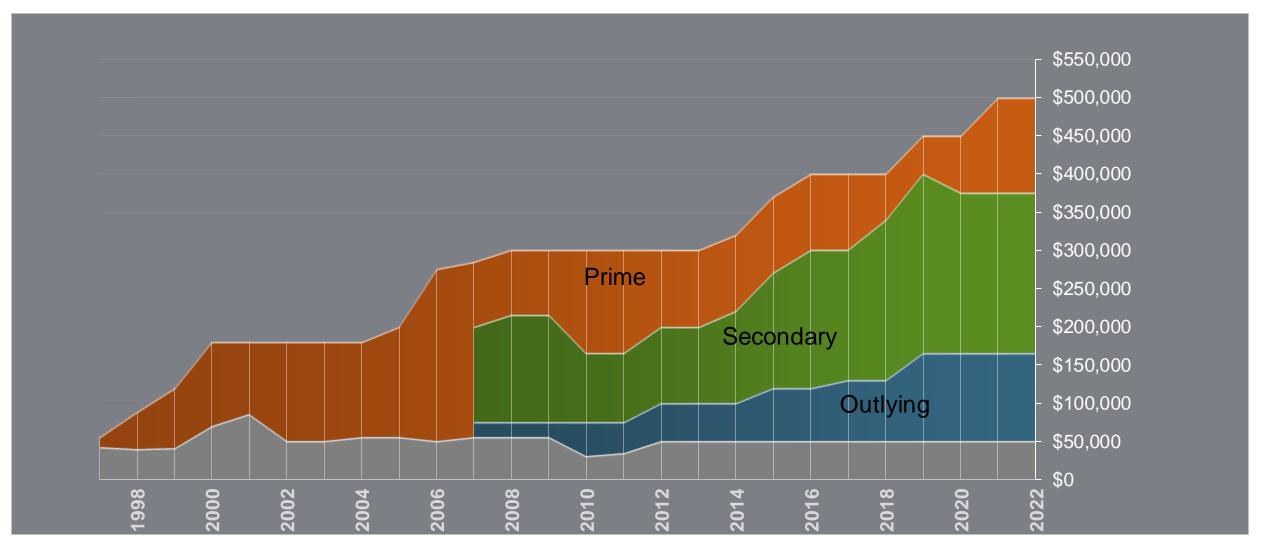
- Areas that generally reflect lowest vineyard value range for Napa County
- Areas that are susceptible to weather extremes or can only support lower valued varietals
- Average to below average grape and bottle pricing







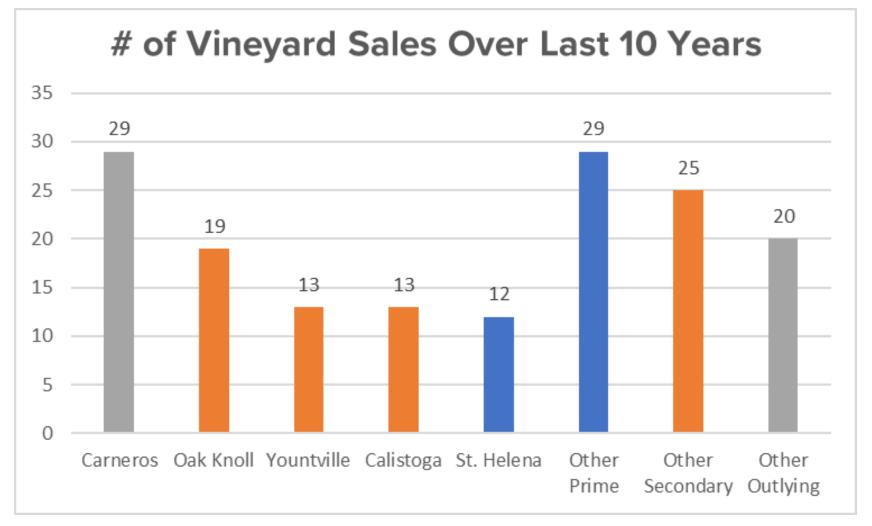
## **NAPA COUNTY VINEYARD VALUE HISTORY**







## SALES BY MARKET AREA







## **LAND VALUE DRIVERS**

- Location, Location
- Soils, Climate, Water How does this translate to suitable variety?
- Vineyard Age, Remaining Economic Life
- Vine Health, History of Disease, Weak Spots
- Yield History
- Grape Contract Pricing
- Bottle Pricing
- Vineyard Reputation
- Vineyard Designate



## **BUYER PROFILES**

# Strategic, vertically integrated

- Typically, winery or winery conglomerates seeking stable source of fruit for specific gaps in wine programs
- Focused on the sale of final wine product, less concerned with vineyard yields/profitability
- Driven by winemakers.
- Less sensitive to yields or remaining life of vineyard.
- Often willing to outbid other classes of buyers

#### Investor/Institutional

- Seeking current return from annual income derived from sale of fruit or the leasing of the property
- Could be larger institutional investors with diversified portfolios or commercial growers

#### Lifestyle

- Typically wealthy individual seeking wine country estate.
- Concerned with aesthetics of property
- Less concerned with economics of vineyard



## **LAND VALUE SNAPSHOT**

Napa County		Value Per Acre	Market Demand	Market Activity	Value Trend
Vineyard	Prime	\$300,000 - \$500,000+	***		Stable
	Secondary	\$165,000 - \$375,000	***		Stable
	Outlying	\$50,000 - \$165,000	***		Stable
Plantable	Prime	\$200,000 - \$300,000+			Stable
	Secondary	\$165,000 - \$245,000	****		Stable
	Outlying	\$50,000 - \$110,000	***		Stable
Homesites	Prime	\$2,000,000 - \$5,000,000+	***		Stable
	Secondary	\$300,000 - \$3,000,000	***		Stable
	Outlying	\$0 - \$350,000	***		Stable

2022 North Coast Region 2 Value Trends





## **LAND VALUE SUMMARY**

- Recent wine sales data discouraging.
- Bulk market remains active for Napa Valley, somewhat sluggish for most other regions/varietals.
- Water-challenged properties: Recent rains help, and buyers seem to be leaning in.
- Labor costs still a major concern, particularly for investor/institutional buyers.
- Still activity and interest among Strategic and Institutional buyers, but less so for Lifestyle.
- Bifurcation of sales likely to continue:
  - 'Special' properties continuing to set new high marks.
  - Secondary/Outlying properties have longer marketing times with values likely to remain flat.
- Bottom line... Napa County is not making any more vineyard land.

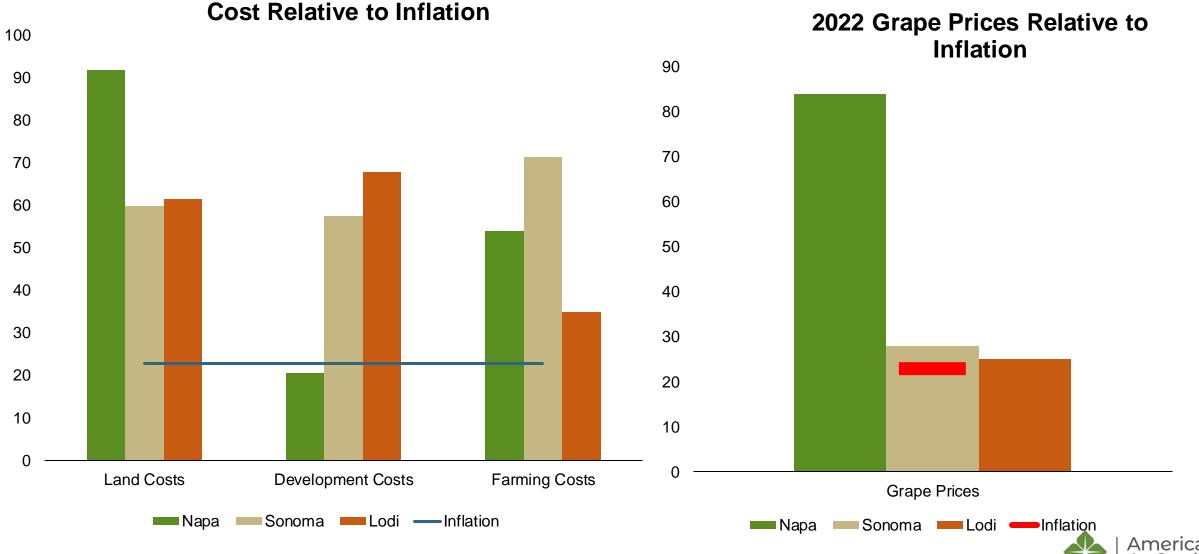








## **VINEYARD ECONOMICS: 2012 TO 2022**



### TRENDS WE SEE

As costs increase, some growing regions are becoming less profitable to farm than others.

#### Lodi

- Avoiding new development
- Less than dollar for dollar increase in value for vineyard development
- Wineries considering selling vineyards

#### Sonoma

- Small vineyards not being replanted
- Vineyard owners not buying vineyards. Wineries buying vineyards
- Roughly dollar for dollar value add for development on large vineyards
- Small vineyards do not contribute to property value (less than 15 acres)

#### Napa

- · Vineyards being bought and replanted by wineries and private equity firms
- Range of value for land widening dramatically
- Vineyard redevelopment adds over 100% of the cost to the value of the property





## **VINEYARD LOANS**

Given the economic environment for vineyards, analyzing your return on investment is extremely important. We can support financially sound projects.

#### **Cash Flow**

- Vineyard purchase and redevelopment projects must generate sufficient cash flow to service the debt
- Model the vineyard cash flow including the time value of money
- Does it make sense versus other options?

#### **Collateral**

- · Land values strong
- Expect paid-in capital to be significant. The debt must be low enough for the vineyard to support in most cases

#### **Secondary Support**

- Have secondary sources of capital in the event of adversity
- Hedge against risk
  - Crop insurance
  - Fixed rates
  - Long term contracts
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