

OREGON WINE

WILLAMETTE VALLEY



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CELEBRATED, RENOWNED, EXQUISITE.

Oregon's Willamette Valley is, at this point, synonymous with glorious Pinot noir. No other grape is as reflective of climatic and site differences, and small distances in the valley can yield wines of distinctly different character, each captivating in its own way.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OREGON?

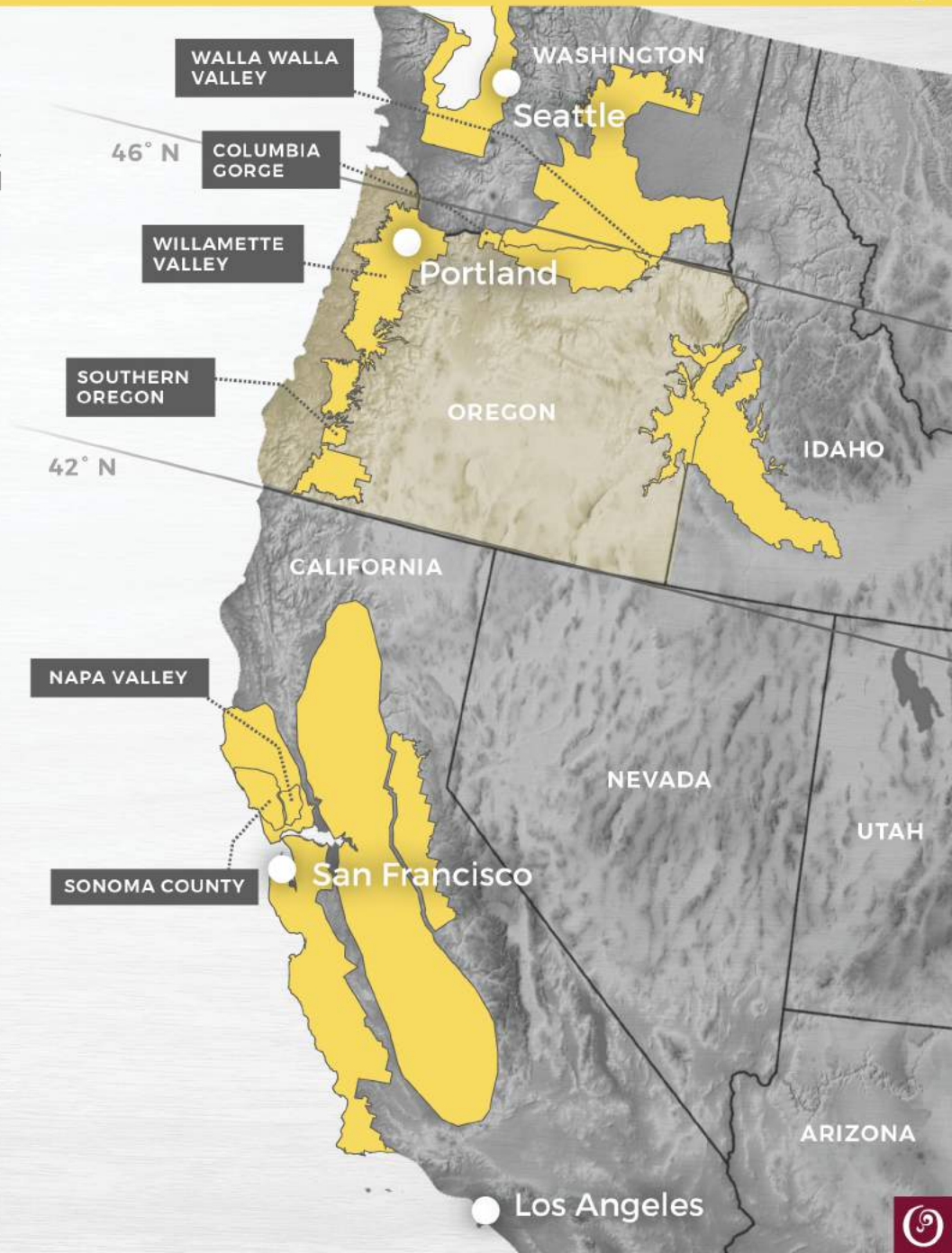
The world's premier winegrowing regions are found between the latitudes of 30-50°. Oregon is located in the northwestern United States at a northerly latitude between 42-46° N.



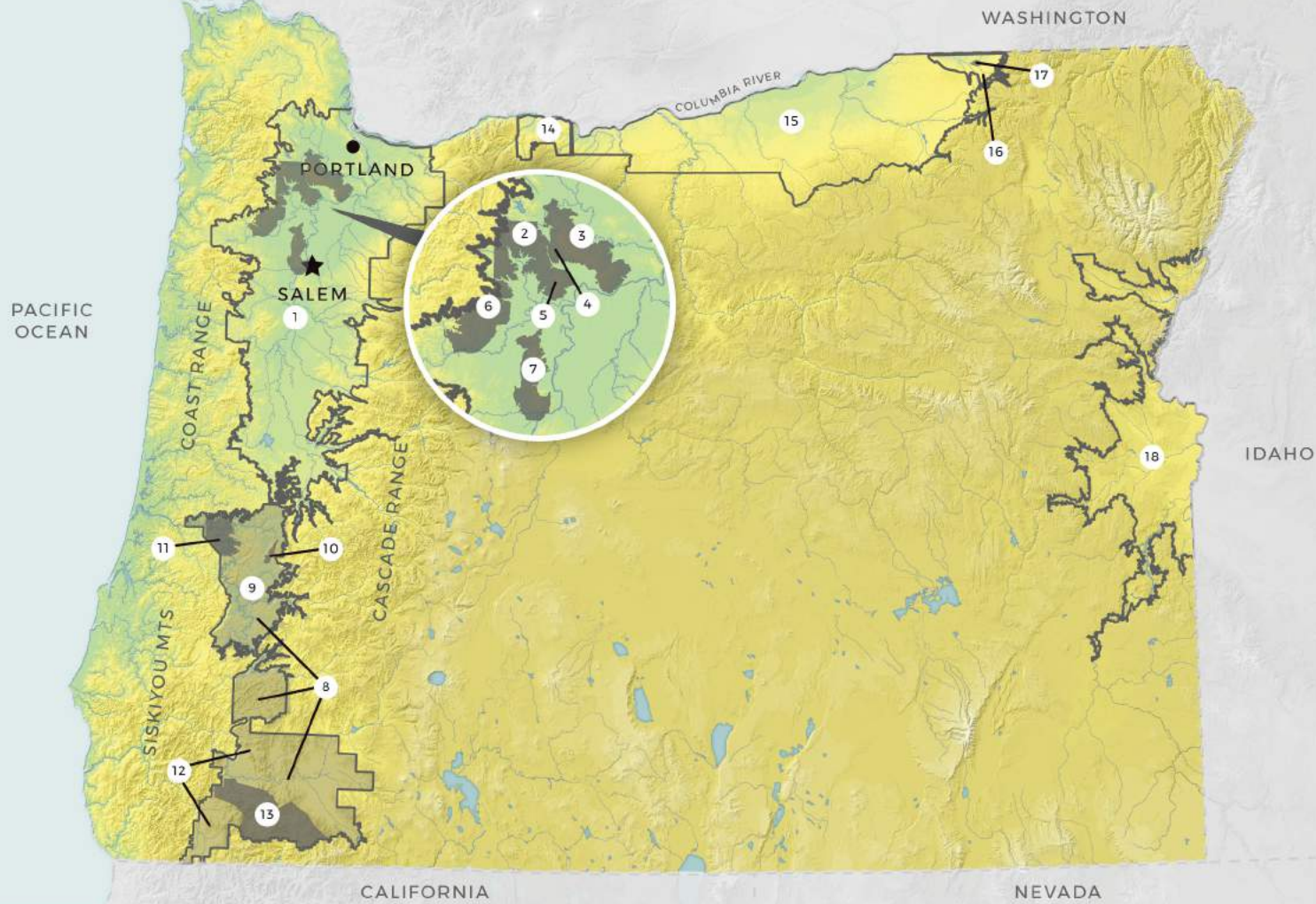
WINE-PRODUCING REGIONS OF THE WEST COAST

Oregon is bordered by Washington to the north and California to the south.

From northern Washington to southern California, West Coast winegrowing spans more than 1,200 miles (1,900 km) north to south.

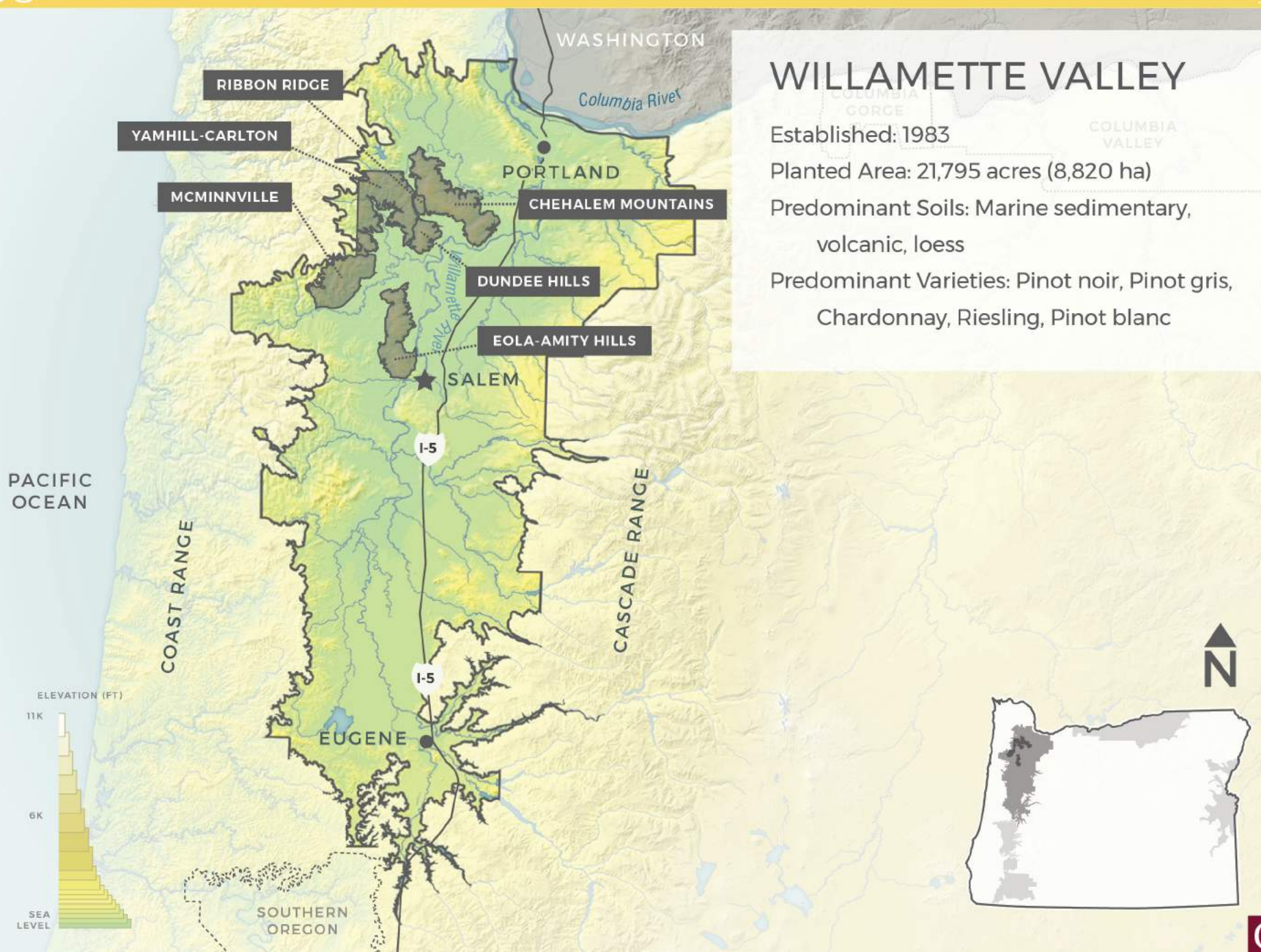


GROWING REGIONS OF OREGON



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| 1. Willamette Valley | 5. Dundee Hills | 9. Umpqua Valley | 12. Rogue Valley | 16. Walla Walla Valley |
| 2. Yamhill-Carlton | 6. McMinnville | 10. Red Hill Douglas County | 13. Applegate Valley | 17. The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater |
| 3. Chehalem Mountains | 7. Eola-Amity Hills | 11. Elkton Oregon | 14. Columbia Gorge | 18. Snake River Valley |
| 4. Ribbon Ridge | 8. Southern Oregon | | 15. Columbia Valley | |





WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Established: 1983

Planted Area: 21,795 acres (8,820 ha)

Predominant Soils: Marine sedimentary,
volcanic, loess

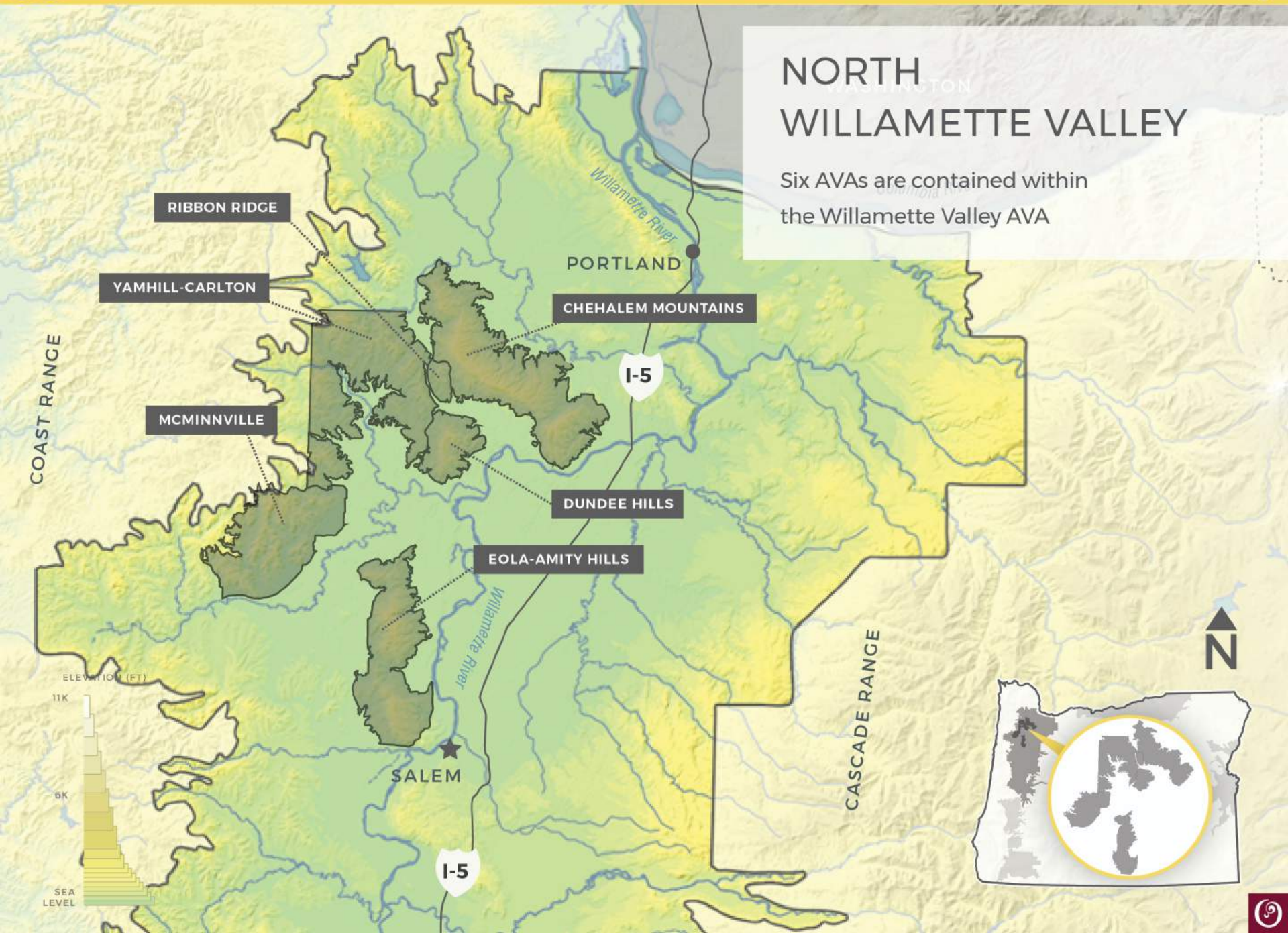
Predominant Varieties: Pinot noir, Pinot gris,
Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot blanc



WASHINGTON

NORTH WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Six AVAs are contained within the Willamette Valley AVA



COAST RANGE

CASCADE RANGE

RIBBON RIDGE

YAMHILL-CARLTON

MCMINNVILLE

CHEHALEM MOUNTAINS

DUNDEE HILLS

EOLA-AMITY HILLS

PORTLAND

SALEM

I-5

I-5

ELEVATION (FT)

11K

6K

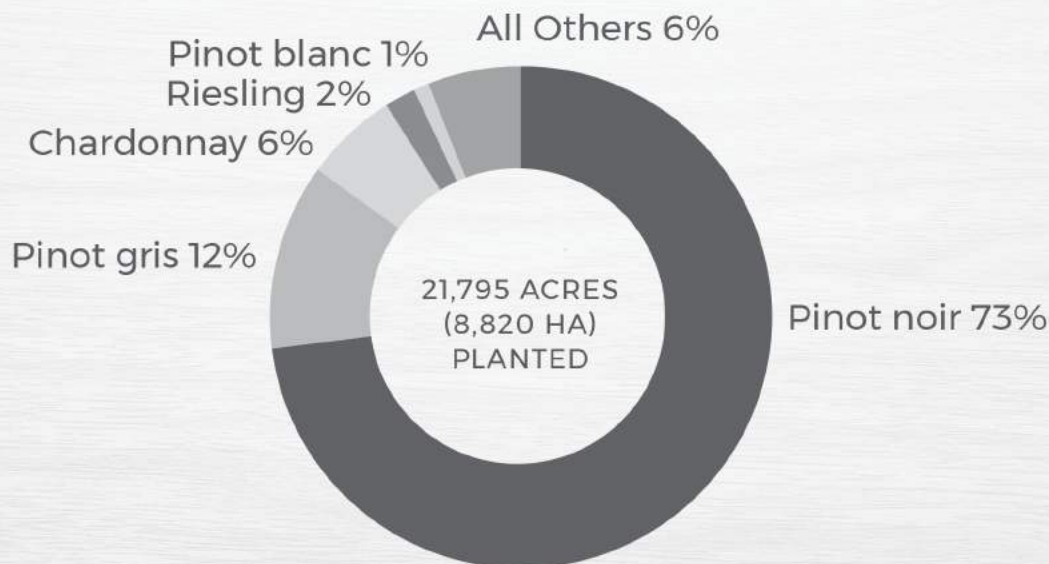
SEA LEVEL



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VINEYARD PLANTINGS

The Willamette Valley accounts for 72% of Oregon's land planted to vine. Pinot noir dominates, followed by several white varieties.



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One of the coolest winegrowing regions in North America that reliably produces quality *vinifera* wine.

Northerly latitude provides extended hours of crucial sunlight during the growing season to ensure ripeness.

Complex soils with great diversity in composition and depth yield endless possibilities for site-specific Pinot noir, Chardonnay and other cool-climate varieties.



Complex soils in a cool climate result in pure expressions of terroir. Fully developed fruit flavors are balanced by bright acidity and freshness.



LEFT COAST CELLARS, LEFT BANK VINEYARDS

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KING ESTATE VINEYARD

Image: King Estate





MONTINORE ESTATE

Image: Montinore Estate



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Long before sustainability, organic and biodynamics, this community was talking about farming, caring for the soil and working together. When we got here, we asked for help and we were invited to sit at their kitchen table. This was a community focused on craft and not prestige.

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- MONTE PITT

Patton Valley Vineyard

WILLAMETTE VALLEY AVA