



Located in southern Sonoma County and northern Marin County, the Petaluma Gap region enjoys a mild Mediterranean climate characterized by warm, dry summers and cool, wet winters. At the western-most boundary of the Petaluma Gap along the coastline, the Estero Lowlands and a series of low hills form a major transport corridor that allows marine air to roar into the region.

A typical summer day in the Gap begins with a distinctive, crisp coolness and a blanket of morning fog. By late morning the sun chases away the fog and temperatures rise. By mid-afternoon, however, the cool, on-shore breezes begin, picking up speed as the afternoon progresses and bringing in fog almost every night. It is this cooling “wind tunnel” effect that distinguishes the Petaluma Gap from our neighboring winegrowing areas. The effect of the wind results in lower yields and grapes that reach physiological ripeness much later and at lower sugar levels, while developing wonderful flavors and fruit characteristics with ideal levels of acidity. It’s the perfect recipe for intense, but well-balanced wines, with character and distinction.



**A TYPICAL DAY IN THE GAP**

**FOG** 9:00 am  
Cool and Damp

**SUN** 11:00 am  
Chases Away the Fog

**HEAT** 2:00 pm  
Up to 50° Swing

**WIND** 4:00 pm  
From 8mph to 20mph

**FOG** 8:00 pm  
Rapid Decrease in Temp