Napa Valley, an hour's drive north of San Francisco, California, is the most famous and prestigious wine region anywhere in the New World. Although a number of grape varieties are grown in the valley's vineyards, the area is particularly known for its Cabernet Sauvignon. The classic "Napa Cab", t Opus One. Learn more. Opus One is one of the world's most famous wines, and is a partnership of two of the most respected figures from Bordeaux and Napa Valley, Baron Philippe de Rothschild of Château Mouton Rothschild and Robert Mondavi. It was the first premium California Wine lovers are generally of two tribes on Australian wines: those who love Australian wines and those who, let's say, don't understand them (yet!). To be fair, I can't really blame the haters. The dry oak-covered hills of Paso Robles are to Napa Valley as the southern hot rolling hills of Fleurieu are to Barossa. The focus in Fleurieu is primarily Shiraz in the rolling hills around McLaren Vale and Cabernet Sauvignon in flats around Langhorne Creek (although both regions grow grapes styles quite successfully). The harvest in South Australia starts in February. by Roderick Eime. Black fruit driven, Tobacco-laced Cabernet with mint and spice. Regions of Interest: Coonawarra, Wrattonbully, Padthaway. Napa Valley's wine industry relies heavily on immigrants, but the undocumented are often ineligible for services when disaster strikes. An artist depicts how the 2017 fires impacted this community. Los Angeles Times. Grape farmers primp, prune and ultimately harvest the precious fruit while praying in sorts for a great growing season. From there, winemakers take over, blending their science and creativity in an inspired choreography of steps that transforms juicy fruit into the dynamically diverse wines we love so much. Wildfires light up Napa Valley. Heidi Barrett. The wildfires ripping across Napa and Northern California are heartbreaking to watch. It is hard to conceive of a destination that brings visitors so much joy and delight suffering through so much devastation. We lost this year's harvest entirely just three years after we lost harvest to smoke taint from the 2017 Atlas Peak fires, Becker says with a sigh. But, he's not defeated. The beautiful thing about farming, he adds, that there is always next year and buyers of our fruit all intend to come back.