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West Marin touted as next wine hot spot

Vineyard owner says climate change could make it so

By Esther Mohley

There shouldn’t be a vineyard in Point Reyes Station, at least by conventional measurements. The climate out there ought to be too extreme for wine grapes, with chilly conditions and whipping winds. Those stretches of western Marin County are dairy country, not Wine Country. It’s cows, not Cabernet, that dot the rolling green pastures.

Yet a vineyard does exist there, and has for 30 years. Along Highway 1, peering out beyond the southernmost tip of Tomales Bay, is Point Reyes Vineyards, where sloping rows of Champagne temperatures, erratic weather and wildfires threaten wine growing in California’s inland regions, he’s banking on some of those vintners fleeing toward the southernmost tip of Tomales Bay, is Point Reyes Vineyards, where sloping rows of Champagne

Expanding Wine Country?

Coastal areas such as Point Reyes may offer vinters a bit of relief from the climate change and wildfires that threaten traditional inland winegrowing regions, according to the owner of Point Reyes Vineyards.

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New, the improbable vineyard is up on the market. On Feb. 15, the property’s 83 acres of land, 2 acres of pinotage, tasting room, winery and four bedroom house will be offered in a live and online auction through Harcourt. The bidding will start at $6.5 million. Though owner Steve Doughty is hoping for $6 million.

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Edna Valley in Santa Maria Valley and Paso Robles are the best in the state, but Doughty says that Point Reyes is unique among them. It’s not big enough to be studied, but neither is it too small to be significant. He’s banking on the fact that Point Reyes wine doesn’t exactly have the cachet of Napa or Sonoma. But Doughty is betting on one unexpected element making his property more desirable: The tasting room and winery would need complicated permit­

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Sequencing key to controlling virus variants

By Erin Allday

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