

The Willcox American Viticultural Area

An American Viticultural Area (AVA) is a federally registered grape-growing region that is relatively unique in its climate, geology, soils, and other relevant physical features, distinctively named after the local geography, and delineated by a specific, albeit sometimes arbitrary boundary¹.

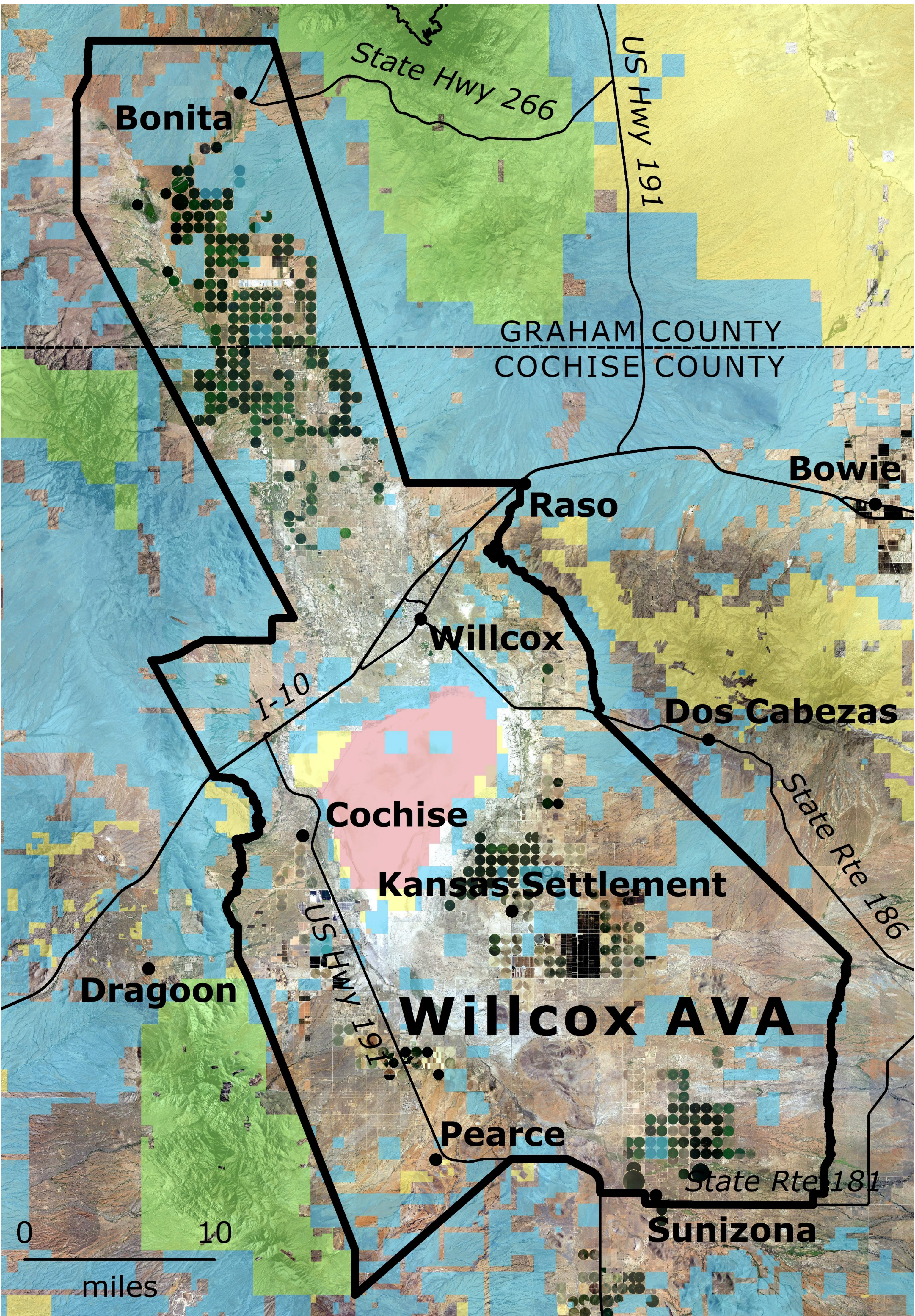
Established in September 2016², the Willcox AVA in southeastern Arizona covers an area in northern Cochise and southern Graham counties along the northern part of Sulphur Springs Valley.

The Willcox AVA covers an area of about 833 square miles. About 582 square miles (70%) of the AVA is privately owned land. Federal and state entities manage the remainder. The perimeter of the AVA follows the boundary description as published in the Federal Register and based on U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps².

¹ Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, 2012: American Viticultural Area (AVA) Manual for Petitioners. TTB P 5120.4, www.ttb.gov/wine/p51204_ava_manual.pdf.

² Code of Federal Regulations, 2016: Title 27: Alcohol, Tobacco Products and Firearms, Part 9-American Viticultural Areas, Subpart C-Approved American Viticultural Areas, §9.259 Willcox, www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=281f85649187c3ac768dee941565b13b&mc=true&node=se27.1.9_1259&rgn=div8.

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