

HISTORY OF LODI, CA

- 1859 | • The first settlers moved to Lodi because of the railroad but stayed for the agricultural opportunities.
- 1869 | • Charles O. Ivory & John M. Burt established the Ivory Store near the railroad tracks.
- 1899 | • Lodi is said to have 2,346,061 grapevines.
- 1901 | • The local newspaper, the Lodi News Sentinel, declares that wine production is the “coming industry for this part of the state.”
- 1906 | • The City of Lodi is officially incorporated.
- 1934 | • The first Lodi Grape Festival is held in September.
- 5,686 railcar loads of grapes were shipped from Lodi.
- 1958 | • Lodi’s population surpasses 20,000.
- 1986 | • The Lodi region is approved as an appellation.
- 1991 | • The Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission is founded to enhance profitability, research and education for the local winegrape producers.
- 2003 | • The Lodi Rules for sustainable agriculture program is established to recognize Lodi as a leader for sustainable growing practices.
- 2015 | • Lodi is home to nearly 80 unique wineries.
- There are approximately 100,000 acres of winegrapes farmed in the Lodi Appellation.
 - With over 60 varietals of winegrapes planted in the Lodi Appellation, the region offers a vast array of interesting wines.
 - 66% of the acres planted in the Lodi Appellation are red varietals.
 - Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Chardonnay are the most common varietals grown in Lodi.