

Wine Country Romance

JUNE CAREY'S CALIFORNIA

FACT SHEET

INTRODUCTION

Come share earth's bounty through the art of June Carey...

“A large part of what drives me to paint is a passion to create a place I want to be,” says June. And for the past 25 years, that burning passion has been kindled by the breaking landscape of Northern California. This Maryland-born artist has often placed among the Top 100 artists in the famed annual national Arts for the Parks exhibition with her exquisite portrayals of upper California's golden hills, pristine coastline and fabled wine country. Although attracted by the challenges of capturing an ever-changing sea, this self-taught artist's first love is the nurtured beauty of the earth. “I'm deeply affected by terrain that flourishes under human care,” June says, “where cultivation results in harmony between humanity and the land.”

ABOUT THE ARTIST

“The little farm house in Pennsylvania where I grew up was always alive with singing, laughter and a love of the arts. My father, a voice instructor, introduced us to the steady flow of eccentric, larger-than-life characters found in his greatest passion – the dramatic world of the Italian opera. *Aida's* rich theme always seemed to be playing in the background as I went in search of a quiet reality I could call my own, escaping into the quiet roar of the singing crickets and song of the meadowlark. I could lose myself in the turquoise twilight magic of a summer evening or breath of sweet fields of winter wheat beneath the rising sliver of a moon. I found my true love and found myself longing for the beautiful fields of my childhood, where everything was the way it should be. My passion springs forth through the beauty of the fertile earth, which has always been my real teacher.”

“I began painting full time in 1982, doing my time as a starving artist while raising my young son. I was happy to trade this tragic cliché for the happy success of sell-out gallery shows and award banquets. In 1991, I married maritime artist David Thimgan, and we thrived together. On one late summer afternoon escape, traveling to the Mendocino coast, I discovered the California wine country. I was so happy to have found a place in California that reminded me of my long lost fields of Pennsylvania. I painted my first Vineyard scene in 1996, and as time passed, all this has taken me to the countryside of Tuscany, where I feel I probably lived in a former lifetime. My Italian opera theme song has never left my heart, and somehow, life seems to have come full circle, to connect, once again, the passions of my life.”

PACHECO PASS

Release Date: *April 2005*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée MasterWork™ Canvas:

limited to 100 s/n. 48”w x 36”h (unstretched). \$1495 \$1865 CDN £890 +VAT.

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée Canvas:

limited to 250 s/n. 32”w x 24”h. \$695 \$880 CDN £415 +VAT.

NOTES

- Named for 19th century ranch owner Don Francisco Perez Pacheco
- Pacheco Pass was the home of the Ausaymus Indians for centuries
- These Indians used a natural artesian spring they named “Bright Bubbling” as a year-round source of fresh water.
- A path was carved into the area by Indians traveling in from the coast to trade
- After the establishment of the California Missions, the trail’s main travelers were Mission Padres attempting to convert the central Californian Indians
- With the discovery of gold in 1848, this same area was part of the main travel route from coastal California to the mines
- As the population increased, the area’s rich soil was cultivated to produce fruit trees and vineyards
- June painted this from a photo she took in 1978
- The freeway now cuts into part of this scene
- June always used to get in trouble for trespassing – climbing fences in this area
- Pacheco Pass became a state park in 1992
- Since 1908, the Zanger family has operated orchards in the Pacheco Pass area, producing a variety of wines under the Zanger Vineyards label

ALEXANDER VALLEY WINERY

Release Date: *September 2004*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée MasterWork™ Canvas:

limited to 100 s/n. 60”w x 40”h (unstretched). \$1750 \$2455 CDN £1080 +VAT.

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée Canvas:

limited to 250 s/n. 36”w x 24”h. \$725 \$1020 CDN £445 +VAT.

NOTES

- Alexander Valley Winery’s reputation for exceptional grapes is considered among the best in California.
- Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Zinfandel, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Gewurztraminer from Alexander Valley have each earned reputations for their distinctive regional character.
- Alexander Valley is situated along the Russian River between Healdsburg and Cloverdale in California’s picturesque Sonoma County.
- Former mountain man Cyrus Alexander, for whom Alexander Valley is named, planted the region’s first vineyard in 1846.
- H. Kier established the valley’s first winery in Cloverdale in 1872, and by 1875, an estimated 230 acres in Alexander Valley were devoted to vineyards.
- Ten new wineries opened during the 1880s and early 1890s.
- Alexander Valley grapes were considered among the best in California, fetching premium prices from wineries in other regions.
- By 1920, only two Alexander Valley wineries remained in business.
- Alexander Valley’s renaissance as wine country began quietly in 1956 with a single vineyard and accelerated in the 1960s and 1970s with modern viticultural techniques restoring Alexander Valley’s reputation for exceptional grapes.
- Alexander Valley’s 13,000 acres of vineyards now supply more than 25 local wineries
- Establishment of Alexander Valley as an American Viticultural Area in 1984 has enabled wineries using Alexander Valley grapes to feature the appellation on their labels.
- Twenty-eight wineries and over 160 grape growers have joined together to share their special histories, traditions and innovations with visitors who come from all over the globe to sample their world-class wines.

SONOMA VALLEY SUMMER

Release Date: *May 2004*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée MasterWork™ Canvas:
limited to 250 s/n. 40”w x 20”h (unstretched). \$795 \$1085 CDN £480 +VAT.

NOTES

- Home of the Kunde family winery
- Located only 45 minutes north of San Francisco
- Best known for its award-winning wines and wineries
- Also home to numerous small farms, wine country restaurants, unique historical sites and attractions, beautiful scenery, shops and boutiques, spas, hotels and bed & breakfast inns
- The name Sonoma is traditionally said to be derived from an indigenous word for “many moons”
- Indigenous people lived here for twelve thousand years before the Spanish, Mexicans and Americans arrived
- In the early years Sonoma was home to the final mission of the chain of 21 built in California by Father Junipero Serra and others of the Franciscan order
- Soon after the Sonoma mission was built it was secularized by the newly independent Mexican government
- The mission was turned into a Mexican pueblo with a town square and military barracks, in the process amassing huge land holdings and great wealth
- For its first hundred years as part of the United States, Sonoma Valley remained a quiet rustic area
- The Gold Rush took the flow of business and trade to San Francisco.
- The valley developed a flourishing wine industry that has survived two great blows:
 - The Phylloxera epidemic of the 1870s
 - The legal impact of Prohibition
- After World War II Sonoma Valley began to grow, but it has remained isolated enough to keep its original beauty
- Today it remains a vigorous center of the California wine industry as well as a growing tourist destination

For more information, as well as a detailed history, visit the Sonoma Valley Visitor’s Bureau website at www.sonomavalley.com

ABOVE SLIDE RANCH

Release Date: *February 2004*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée Canvas:

limited to 250 s/n. 32”w x 18”h. \$650 \$885 CDN £430 +VAT.

NOTES

- Reminds the artist, June Carey, of the green coasts of the British Isles
- Located in beautiful Marin County, just a few miles north of San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge
- The original inhabitants of Slide Ranch were the Miwok Indians, who gathered there to celebrate with feasts from the sea
- In the late 1800s, a family from the Azores (islands in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, colonized by the Portuguese) built a dairy farm on the same coastal bluffs and called it Big Slide Ranch
- Several other families farmed here until the 1960s
- In the late 1960s, the land was owned by a Southern California screenwriter who hoped to develop a hotel on the site
- Struck by its unique site and beauty, Doug Ferguson initiated a two-year correspondence with the landowner and eventually succeeded in persuading him to sell the property to The Nature Conservancy
- Doug conceived of preserving Slide Ranch as open space as a tribute to his father, Kenneth Loveland Ferguson, who wrote musical comedies and liked “big ideas”
- In 1969, The Nature Conservancy bought the land and Slide Ranch was incorporated as an education center
- Slide Ranch was founded the same month as the original Earth Day celebration in 1970
- Concurrent with Slide Ranch’s founding, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Trust for Public Land (another of Doug Ferguson’s early projects) were created in 1972
- From Slide Ranch’s inception as a non-profit organization, school children have been invited to spend time at the ranch, learning the origins of their food and clothing and doing creative projects to celebrate their connection with nature
- Today, it has been preserved as part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

THE MISSION AT SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Release Date: *June 2003*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée MasterWork™ Canvas:

limited to 50 s/n. 60”w x 30”h (unstretched). \$1750 \$2585 CDN £1215 +VAT.

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Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée Canvas:

limited to 200 s/n. 36”w x 18”h. \$725 \$1070 CDN £505 +VAT.

NOTES

- Mission San Juan Capistrano, the Birthplace of Orange County, was founded more than two hundred years ago
- Originally built as a self-sufficient community by Spanish Padres and Indians, the Mission was a center for agriculture, industry, education and religion
- Mission San Juan Capistrano, named for St. John of Capistrano, Italy, a theologian of the 14th century, is the seventh mission founded by Fr. Junipero Serra on November 1, 1776, the Feast of All Saints.
- Once established, the mission prospered almost from the start
- Between the founding and 1797, a number of adobe buildings were erected
- In 1777, the first little church was built, a modest structure that is still in use today
- Considered the oldest church in California, it is called “Serra Chapel”
- The Great Stone Church began construction in 1796; was completed in 1806; and was destroyed by an earthquake 1812. The Mission was secularized 1833, sold in 1845 and was returned to the Church in 1865.
- Today it is a monument to California’s multi-cultural history, embracing its Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage

For more information, as well as a detailed history, visit the Mission San Juan Capistrano website at www.missionsjc.com

SEPTEMBER HAZE

Release Date: *February 2003*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée Canvas:

limited to 100 s/n. 40”w x 20”h (unstretched). \$750 \$1220 CDN £575 +VAT.

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NOTES

- The image is set in Alexander Valley, located in northeastern Sonoma County, approximately 30 miles from the Pacific Ocean
- Recognized as a premium grape-growing region since the late 1800s and encompassing 75,000 acres, Alexander Valley is home to over twenty wineries and more than a hundred independent grape growers, many of whom tend vineyards that have been in their families for generations
- Trivia: This location is across the highway from the June Carey’s *Fall Vineyard*
- June prefers the Alexander Valley to the Napa Valley, finding it less commercial and its terrain more divers
- Location, climate, geography, soils and topography interact to create an array of prime conditions for growing grapes
- The Russian River is the Valley’s defining natural feature, flowing south-southwest 20 miles from the region’s northern boundary before turning westward into rugged hills at its southern boundary south of Healdsburg
- Alexander Valley’s climate mixes coastal and inland elements:
 - Vineyards warmed to daytime temperatures in the 80s and low 90s rapidly cool as evening approaches
 - Low pressure created by inland heating and broad coastal plains to the southwest combine to funnel strong marine breezes into the region in the late afternoon
 - Fog from the Pacific Ocean flows up the Russian River channel in the evening and keeps the vineyards cool and shaded well into the morning
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- Five premium grape varieties dominate the 13,600 acres of vineyards in Alexander Valley
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 - Merlot: 2,000 acres
 - Zinfandel: 1,200 acres
 - Chardonnay: 4,200 acres
 - Sauvignon Blanc: 800 acres
- Alexander Valley is home to 26 wineries and 130 independent grape growers, many of whom tend vineyards that have been in their families for generations

MISSION GATE

Release Date: *May 2002*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée Canvas:

limited to 175 s/n. 40”w x 20”h (unstretched). \$795 \$1330 CDN £630 +VAT.

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Print:

limited to 250 s/n. 30”w x 15”h. \$200 \$335 CDN £160 +VAT.

NOTES

- Set at the Mission San Carlos Borromeo
- Set at the mouth of the Carmel Valley and overlooking the sea
- June 3, 1770, Father Serra founded his Mission San Carlos Borromeo at the site of the present Presidio Chapel in Monterey
- Father Serra established his personal headquarters here
- Monterey became an important port and the capital city of the Californias
- The stone church at Carmel is different from all others in the area, in that the walls taper inward forming a catenary arch, rather than the usual flat ceiling
- On the exterior, the unique bell tower, with its outside stairway, shows definite Moorish influence
- The great church was four years in the building, being dedicated in 1797
- The area’s Indian population had dwindled by the 1820s
- By 1836, two years after secularization, the destruction of mission life was complete
- The church and quadrangle were essentially in ruins when the first efforts at restoration began in 1884
- In 1931, a layman, Harry Downie, came to Carmel, as curator in charge of restoring the mission
- From that time until his death in 1980, Harry dedicated his life to the California missions, working on numerous other restorations as well as at his beloved Carmel
- The Carmel Mission was Fr. Serra’s favorite, and he lies buried under the altar in his beautiful church, the second founded in the California chain
- The old mission has survived years of neglect and is now one of the outstanding historic landmarks in California
- Much of the stateliness of its early days has been recaptured in the careful restoration of the buildings, while the beauty of its gardens is unsurpassed
- The Moorish influence in the architecture of the church is unique

MONTEREY VINEYARD

Release Date: *March 2002*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Giclée Canvas:

limited to 100 s/n. 38”w x 16”h. \$750 \$1250 CDN £595 +VAT.

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Print:

limited to 550 s/n. 32”w x 13½”h. \$175 \$290 CDN £140 +VAT.

NOTES

- The estate shown in this painting has been cultivated by the same family for generations
- Set in Salinas Valley, located in Monterey County:
 - 20 miles northeast of Monterey
 - 60 miles south of San Jose
 - 101 miles south of San Francisco
 - 325 miles north of Los Angeles
- Follows the Salinas River to the Monterey Bay
- Framed by the Santa Lucia and Gabilan Ranges, Salinas Valley is a perfect setting for the growing of wine grapes.
- Its rich cultural landscape allows visitors and residents to enjoy the beauty of a pristine environment coupled with easy access to Northern California and Central Coast hot spots
- The moderate climate is ideal, with an average temperature of 68 degrees and Mediterranean-like weather in the summer
- Salinas was named the city with the best climate in the United States and Canada
- The strong economy of the local agriculture industry is partnered with a relaxed lifestyle to create a high quality of life in the Salinas Valley
- Salinas is the boyhood home of Nobel Prize winning author John Steinbeck (*East of Eden*), who describes the town, people and surrounding area in his timeless novels.
- In a personal letter, Steinbeck once wrote, “I think I would like to write the story of this whole valley, of all the little towns and all the farms and the ranches in the wider hills. I can see how I would like to do it so that it would be the valley of the world.”
- Steinbeck’s “valley of the world” is home to a number of noteworthy annual events, stellar destinations, recreational opportunities, award-winning wineries, plentiful shopping, affordable accommodations and restaurants, and a beautiful, historic Oldtown district.

CALIFORNIA HOME

Release Date: *February 2002*

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limited to 75 s/n. 60" w x 40" h (unstretched). \$1950 \$3190 CDN £1540 +VAT.

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FALL VINEYARD

Release Date: *November 2001*

Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Canvas:

limited to 100 s/n. 38”w x 19”h. \$750 \$1195 CDN £590 +VAT.

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Greenwich Workshop Fine Art Print:

limited to 550 s/n. 33”w x 18½”h. \$175 \$275 CDN £140 +VAT.

NOTES

- Set in California’s fabled Napa Valley
- Napa County encompasses 485,120 acres in total and just 45,275 acres are planted in vineyards
- In 1968, Napa Valley vintners and others in the community had the forethought to preserve open space and prevent future over-development of 30,000 acres by enacting the nation’s first Agriculture Preserve. Since its adoption, not one acre of land has been removed from the Preserve.
- Local landowners have placed a total of 11,000 acres of agricultural land in the Land Trust of Napa County, ensuring their land will never be developed. Another 16,000 acres are protected under the Williamson Act, a program that provides incentives to keep land in agriculture production and open space.
- Vineyards and surrounding open space provide a natural habitat for a variety of wildlife species and many growers invite birds, including owls and hawks, into their vineyards
- The Napa Valley Wine Auction, first held in 1981, is the world’s most successful wine charity event with all of the proceeds staying within Napa County
- Through the Auction, the Napa Valley Vineyard has donated almost \$50 million to Napa County health care, youth development and affordable housing organizations
- Napa County has a long, rich history in grape growing with the first vines planted in 1838-1839 by George Yount. The first wine from these vines was produced in the mid-1840s.
- In the late 1850s, Los Angeles had ten times as many vines as did Napa
- Napa Valley’s wine industry accounts for \$4 billion of California’s annual \$33 billion economic impact from winemaking and related industries
- The bronze statue on Highway 29 that greets those who enter Napa County from the south is called *The Grapecrusher* by Gino Miles, and was erected in 1987 in dedication to the past and present workers who labor in the vineyards
- Napa Valley’s reputation in the world of wine is huge, yet Napa Valley accounts for only 4% of California’s total wine production