

Southern Oregon Hemp Cultivator Highlights Region's Terroir as Key to Premium Flower Quality

The Region That's Rewriting What Premium Hemp Can Be

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Location is a fundamental part of any serious discussion about wine. The soil, climate, elevation, sunlight exposure, and cultivation techniques change the crop's profile. In the world of winemaking, we call this terroir: the environmental factors that shape a wine. This is why wine enthusiasts won't confuse a Chardonnay from one vineyard with another.



Southern Oregon Terroir

Terroir is a term associated not only with wine, but also coffee, chocolate, and even chili peppers. Hemp should also be a part of that list.

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Jacob Fisher, founder of Rogue Origin, a USDA-certified hemp farm in Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley, says the region's unique climate conditions produce measurably different flower than other growing areas.

"The valley puts its own stamp on the plant," said Fisher. "The same genetics that other people are growing will express differently here. Tighter buds, more complex terpene profiles. The soil and climate are doing something you can't replicate indoors or in another region."

Hemp has been a [product of Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley](#) for quite some time. One can't help

but notice how much a hemp flower reflects its location. Phenotype expression, terpene profiles, and even the nose speak to where a flower booms. This is more than genetics. It's not just what you grow, but where you grow!



Rogue Valley

Lifter and Sour Lifter are longtime local staples. The heavy clay soil yields dense and compact blossoms with tight buds. It was clear from the first harvest: there's something truly special about the valley.

A Shared Terroir: The Intersection of Vine and Bloom

At an elevation of over 1,000 feet, temperature swings are par for the course in the Rogue Valley. Daytime temperatures get up to the 80s and 90s. Nights bottom out in the 50s. The sun's warmth cultivates growth, but cool nights preserve and protect the terpenes produced. Even a 5-degree dip during flowering has a significant impact on the blossom's composition.

"The warm days push growth, and the cool nights let the plant hold onto the terpenes it produced instead of losing them to heat," Fisher said. "A five- to ten-degree drop during flowering makes a real difference in what ends up in the flower."

Keep in mind that Southern Oregon gets plenty of sunshine. Dry summery days keep the humidity down during flowering. That minimizes mold and mildew. There's truly something in the air that results in cleaner flowers, both on the plant and in the bag!

The [dryness and warmth continue in the fall](#). Whereas other regions see rain or cold weather before full ripening, in the Rogue Valley, plants have ample time to fully bloom.

Now, science is beginning to confirm what local growers have suspected for quite some time. One recent study demonstrated that when plants with the same genetics were cultivated both indoors and outdoors, the sun-grown plants yielded a larger range of terpenes and minor cannabinoids. In other words, as a plant experiences all the Great Outdoors has to offer (temperature swings, UV rays, soil biology, etc.), it yields more. Much more. As far as terroir goes, there's nothing like the real thing!

The Fertile Foundation: Where Every Seed Finds Its Strength

Southern Oregon is no stranger to farming. Pears, wine grapes, and now hemp are thriving in abundance thanks to the Rogue Valley's [unique soil makeup](#). Different dirt means different flowers. Just like wine.

Jackson and Josephine counties are home to a special community of small hemp farms. There, the people are sharing their expertise about what thrives here. This priceless knowledge is shared among people who care, not textbooks and data sheets.

Rogue Origin specializes in sun-grown hemp. Local plants have full access to Rogue Valley's climate, from sun to soil and everything in between! Every plant is cultivated carefully and intentionally as part of one ecosystem. It's more than just fields of plants; it's a complete vibe where everything belongs, including you.

A Landscape You Can Taste: The Southern Oregon Signature

Southern Oregon's Jackson and Josephine counties are home to a network of small hemp farms with a shared body of knowledge about what varieties and practices perform best in the region's conditions. Fisher says this collaborative, place-based approach is shaping the quality and identity of Southern Oregon hemp.

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