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deaths from at least 14 major fires burning in Northern California

103,000

acres burned across eight counties

20,000

people evacuated

1,500

homes and commercial facilities destroyed

114,000

PG&E customers in Napa and Sonoma counties without power

100

fire victims treated at hospitals in Napa and Sonoma counties

DEVASTATION IN WINE COUNTRY



Noah Berger / Special to The Chronicle

Flames consume a main building at the Signorello Estate winery in Napa, one of more than 1,500 businesses and homes destroyed by wind-driven blazes.

Homes gone: Shock in ruined neighborhoods

By Jill Tucker, Kurtis Alexander and Steve Rubenstein

Neighborhood after neighborhood is gone in Santa Rosa. One of them is Coffey Park, a homey cluster of single-family homes 2 miles northwest of downtown.

Arthur and Chavette Chaney used to live there.

"A few hours ago, we had a house," said Chavette Chaney, clutching the arm of her husband and sobbing Monday.

They stood in the middle of Randon Way, which was still recognizable as a street, even if their home was not recognizable. *Neighborhoods continues on A10*



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Neighbors rush with water buckets to help save a house on Baird Road in Santa Rosa, which became a virtual ghost town during the devastating North Bay fires.

Walls of flames: At least 10 die as thousands flee, vineyards burn

By Peter Fimrite, Jill Tucker, Kurtis Alexander and Demian Bulwa

A swarm of fires supercharged by powerful winds ripped through Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties Monday, killing at least 10 people, injuring dozens of others, destroying more than 1,500 homes and businesses, and turning prominent wineries to ash.

Starting in the middle of the night, the fires hopscotched across neighborhoods, raced across fields and jumped freeways. Wind gusts up to 70 mph pushed walls of flames nearly 100 feet high, throwing embers ahead like hot fingers into strip malls and subdivisions. Many people who fled the surge had enough time to grab car keys, perhaps a pet, but not much more.

And some didn't get out. Sonoma County sheriff's officials said seven people had died in that county. Two people died in a blaze in Napa, state fire officials said. At least one person was killed in Mendocino County.

In addition, Sonoma County officials received more than 100 reports of missing people as of Monday evening, said Scott

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Wineries: Quality of region's grapes could be affected for years to come

By Esther Mobley

As massive fires continued to burn in the epicenter of the U.S. wine industry Monday, Napa and Sonoma vintners braced to confront the long-term consequences of a disastrous event that could affect the supply of grapes, the quality of the region's wines and the local tourism industries for

years to come.

Of the hundreds of wineries in the region, nearly all were forced to close Monday, and a handful of wineries were burned to the ground, such as Signorello Estate in Napa and Paradise Ridge in Santa Rosa. Others, including Continuum Estate on Napa's Pritchard Hill and Cliff Lede Vineyards in

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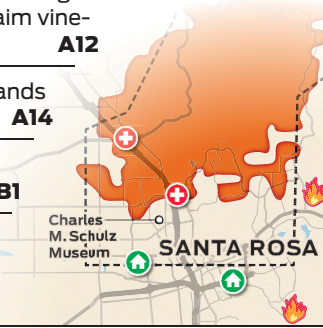
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Feinstein to run again

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Weather

Sunny.
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Lows: 38-54. **B8**

