

Frank Family's Commitment to Sustainability #GreenToOurRoots

At Frank Family, we believe in intentional winemaking and honor a thoughtful commitment to sustainable farming. We are proud our vineyards and winery are 100% third-party certified sustainable by Napa Green and work to continuously improve our green efforts year after year.

About Napa Green

Napa Green is an independent, third-party certification process that ensures the most rigorous standards of sustainability are met. Frank Family Vineyards was one of the first wineries in Calistoga to be Napa Green certified, receiving accreditation for both land and winery in 2015. As required every two years, Frank Family has undergone recertification twice and we are pursuing our third recertification this year. With each recertification Frank Family Vineyards has achieved a higher standard of sustainability.

Napa Green certification involves soil-to-bottle stewardship including protecting and restoring the Napa River watershed, saving energy and water, reducing waste and carbon footprint and being conscientious employers and good neighbors.

Vineyard Sustainability

We believe sustainable farming produces grapes with stronger character and a greater sense of place. For this reason, we are dedicated to soil-to-bottle stewardship and take our commitment to vineyard sustainability very seriously.

- ✓ We conserve water by monitoring the needs of the vines with a surface renewal system which prevents over-irrigation. We keep water conservation at top of mind with the ultimate goal of dry farming. Only run-off rainwater collected in the property's reservoir is used for irrigation at our Benjamin and Winston Hill Vineyards.
- ✓ We cultivate a permanent cover crop to improve soil health and provide a natural habitat for beneficial insects and wildlife. We plant an array of diverse crops such as grasses, legumes, and clover.
- ✓ We return grape stems, skins, seeds, and other winemaking by-products to the land as organic compost. Through the use of compost, we reduce erosion and sediment runoff.



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Winery Sustainability

While great wine begins in the vineyard, environmentally conscious winemaking extends beyond the land. The winery plays a major role in our sustainability efforts from water and energy conservation, waste-material management, and creating a healthy workspace.

- ✓ Our state-of-the-art winery was redesigned in 2008 with sustainability in mind. We have since reduced energy use by installing skylights which enhance natural light. Increased insulation also allows us to use less air conditioning in warmer months and less heat in cooler months.
- ✓ To conserve water, Frank Family has installed flow meters in the winery, forgoes water in place of steam whenever possible, recycles winery wastewater into landscaping, and reuses chemical washes for tanks, using one set of chemicals for three tanks
- ✓ We recycle all grape must, corks, packaging and capsules, as well as all office supplies such as ink cartridges and paper.
- ✓ Winemaker Todd Graff is experimenting with a variety of cold stabilization techniques to reduce energy use including trials on chemical stabilization, filter stabilization, and cell stab stabilization, which is a cellulose product that prevents solids from forming.
- ✓ We introduced new packaging in early 2019 that better reflects our commitment to sustainability. All our wine club boxes are now 100% recyclable, biodegradable, and compostable and we are committed to phasing out wood boxes entirely.

Historic Preservation

Frank Family is not only sustainable in the vineyards and at the winery, but also in our historic preservation efforts. Our property is home to the third oldest winery in Napa Valley, the Historic Larkmead Winery. Built in 1884, the iconic stone building is now considered an archetype of California's wine country - appearing on the National Register of Historical Places and listed as a Point of Historical Interest in the state of California. We underwent an extensive preservation project in 2008, working closely with local organizations to ensure the beauty of this building is here to stay.



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