



Lodi Rules for Sustainable Winegrowing

- The Lodi Rules for Sustainable Winegrowing is California's first 3rd party-certified sustainable winegrowing program. The original standards were launched in 2005, and a thorough revision was accredited in 2013.
- The Lodi Rules takes a comprehensive approach to farming that goes beyond just pest management to promote practices that enhance biodiversity, water and air quality, soil health, and employee and community well-being.
- There are 101 farming practice standards in six chapters: Business Management, Human Resources, Ecosystem Management, Soil Management, Water Management, and Pest Management.
- The Lodi Rules are designed to lead to measurable improvements in the environmental health of the surrounding ecosystem, society-at-large, and wine quality.
- All standards have been peer-reviewed by scientists, members of the academic community, and environmental organizations before accreditation by Protected Harvest
- Protected Harvest has received Consumers Union's highest rating as an eco-label certifier.
- Certification has two components: The Lodi Rules practice standards, and a Pesticide Environmental Assessment System (PEAS) that measure the total impact of all organic and synthetic pesticides used during the year. Growers are audited annually by a third party to verify their farming practices, and may not exceed a maximum number of points calculated using PEAS. Certification is awarded to an individual vineyard annually.
- 20,000 acres were "Certified Green" in the Lodi Appellation in 2012, and an additional 6,000 acres were certified in other regions throughout California. Approximately 20 wineries produce wines bearing the Lodi Rules seal.
- A bottle of wine that is at least 85% from certified sustainable vineyards can print the logo on their label.



Certified Sustainable Practices

Integrated Pest Management

We limit crop protection to only essential measures in our vineyards. We create and maintain habitat for natural enemies of pests.

Air Quality Control

We plant cover crops of native grasses in and around our vineyards to minimize dust. We limit tractor usage to a minimum to reduce air pollution and conserve energy.

Land Stewardship

We integrate the management of our vineyards with the ecosystem by providing riparian zones, introducing and preserving native grasses and trees, maintaining vernal pools, protecting wildlife habitat, and installing nesting boxes for owls, birds, and bats.

Water Management

We constantly monitor soil moisture and measure the vines water needs. We regulate water usage through careful irrigation scheduling, and constantly maintain and service our irrigation systems for maximum efficiency.

Soil Health

Healthy living soils grow great wines. We add organic matter by planting cover crops and utilizing compost. We control fertilizer and irrigation to maximize nutrition in our soils which results in higher, more concentrated fruit quality.

Human Resources

People are the foundation of great sustainably grown wines. Our workers receive comprehensive training and development that enables them to perform their jobs safely and maximize their ability for year round employment.

Sustainable Vision

We create a sustainable vision for the farm that provides the foundation for sustainable winegrowing, helping ensure the long-term health, biodiversity, and productivity of the farm and surrounding ecosystem. All our farming practices can be evaluated as to whether it moves us toward or away from this vision.