

HONIG SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Our family and employees have been committed to environmentally sound practices for decades. Our **California Sustainable Winegrowing Association** and **Fish Friendly Farming** certifications are but one component of an overall sustainable culture encompassing our vineyard, winery and business.



- Planting cover crops to provide nutrients and soil microorganisms
- Creating habitat for rodent eating hawks and insect eating birds
- Eliminating the use of herbicides, like Round Up, in the vineyard
- Utilizing sheep to “mow” between the rows and reduce tractor passes
- Monitoring water usage in the vineyard based on vine needs



- Replanting vineyard borders with native plants
- Fostering a healthy bee habitat
- Planting milkweed and other nectar plants as habitat for Monarch butterflies
- Landscaping with plants that are drought tolerant
- Composting grape skins, seeds and stems during harvest



- Utilizing solar energy in the winery and in the vineyard
- Using eco-friendly packaging, such as lightweight glass bottles; recycled paper for labels; and removing foils from bottles
- Composting all food scraps and grape skins, seeds, and stems during harvest
- Supporting community through charitable events and donations
- Providing our employees with comprehensive benefits, flexible schedules and staff development