

The Long Island Winegrower's Vow of Sustainable Farming

Long Island Sustainable Winegrowers believe that vineyards should work in harmony with our natural world leaving the land we steward in better condition than when we found it.

Knowing your winegrower and their farming methods is the best assurance that the wine you buy is responsibly grown. That is why every winegrower who is a member of our Sustainable Winegrowers group takes a yearly vow to farm according to the guidelines created by the group.

We Vow that in our Vineyards We Will:

Abide by the sustainable farming guidelines created by Long Island Sustainable Winegrowing

Steward our land respectfully, leaving it in better condition for future generations.

Conserve natural resources by reducing soil erosion and the pollution of air, soil and water through responsible farming practices

Use ethical business practices

Treat our employees, customers and neighbors with respect and ensure their safety, well-being and satisfaction.

Farm mindfully and show respect for natural systems we may not fully understand.

Farm transparently. Pass on personal expertise and answer questions from fellow growers.

Balance scientific knowledge, farming instinct, and creative problem solving allowing the farm to perform as a living system.

Provide an ecological compensation area on the farm composed of beneficial insect habitat, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity of non-crop vegetation.

Decrease the farm's dependence on conventional high impact materials by replacing them with softer, low input materials.

Limit the use of conventional nitrogen fertilizers protecting our maritime ecosystem and estuaries from runoff and leaching. Where appropriate, integrate composting and the addition of organic matter into our soil practices.

Decrease the farm's dependence on conventional weed control by reducing or eliminating herbicides and tolerating non-invasive weed growth.

Build and maintain healthy soils through diverse cover cropping.

Mulch winter prunings onto vineyard floor to increase the organic matter of our soils.

Recycle on-site winery waste by composting stems and pressings.

Signed by L.I.S.W.

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