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Earth Day in a Big Way: Wastewater Worms, 21 Million Trees and Cabernet All Day

Your guide kicking the dirt and tilting your cup during the big green weekend and beyond in wine country

Wine country has a knack for turning every occasion into a party, but with the world of wine going all-in on green practices, Earth Day is shaping up to be especially epic. The annual celebration of the environment falls on a Monday this year—April 22—but wineries in California are making a weekend of it, if not a week, month, or just an everyday jam going forward in recognition that this whole environment thing is pretty worth taking good care of, if you're a grapegrower/human!

From concerts to pizza, drinking wine to befriending bees, here's how to get in on the Earth action in the coming days.



Courtesy of DeLoach

Down on Jean-Charles' farm there is a big white sheep

And over in Sonoma, sustainability is progressing apace as well: In fact, Sonoma County Winegrowers set a goal in 2014 of reaching 100 percent sustainability—by the end of this year. As of the end of 2018, 89 percent of vineyard acres were certified, which puts them well on track.

- **DeLoach:** On Saturday, April 20, from 10 to 4, it's wine and pizza day. The estate is showcasing its biodiversity, encouraging visitors to stroll around the beehive and vegetable and herb garden while sipping Vinthropic Chardonnay and Pinot. Net proceeds from those wines go to Redwood Empire Food Bank. "We wanted people to be in nature," said **Jean-Charles Boisset**, whose group of wineries includes DeLoach. "An Earth Day event among the vines is, of course, 'natural!'" Goes together like wine and pizza in our book.