

Sustainable Wines that are Simply Delicious

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Finding delicious, sustainable wines with massive flavor isn't as difficult as you'd think. From composting to protecting air quality and using lighter bottles, many winemakers understand the profit in keeping their land, facilities, and products healthy for future generations. And they're creating some delicious wines in the process.

Some vinyards are switching to solar and wind power, and [use dogs](#) instead of harmful chemicals to ward off pests and detect mildew in vines. Others are sticking with cork despite the rumors that it's endangered (not true). In fact, when alternative wine stoppers are used [cork forests](#) are no longer protected, and the endangered species that *are* in those forests begin to struggle.



Sustainable practices in the vineyard are the cornerstone of a good bottle of wine | Image: [picdrops/Flickr](#)

Whether you're a self-proclaimed wine snob or pretend to know what you're talking about when you "detect" faint hints of honeysuckle and jam after a sip, make sure you've got [sustainable options](#) on your wine rack. Here are a few of our favorites.

French Rabbit Wines

There are many levels of sustainable farming methods, and [French Rabbit](#) is near the top of the heap. They follow both holistic and organic farming practices while using the [TetraPak](#) to hold its wines. Don't be wary of all boxed wines! This one's from Rhône, reasonably priced, responsibly produced, and pretty delicious.



Organic and biodynamic vineyards don't use synthetic chemicals. They also support a thriving ecosystem, and many have sustainable buildings and business practices. Conventional vineyards don't leave much alive in fields besides the grapes.

The Takeaway

Wine is one of the great joys of life, and it's even better when you know there are sustainable methods behind it. With all the options you have in the wine aisle nowadays, make sure you're supporting the best makers (and go local if you can). Check out the ones listed above, and find even more wine to try by adopting the ecosphere idea below. Cheers!

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