



Green Producers

Listed below are brief descriptions of the various types of green farming practices currently being used today, along with a list of the Montcalm producers who practice them.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING

“Sustainable” farming is the least stringent area of “green farming” and the most widespread, used by most of the Montcalm producers. Various agricultural practices are used which are ecologically sound but are also economically viable. Farmers have much more flexibility and will generally recycle, conserve water, use renewable resources, and minimize the use of chemical products, but chemical products can, in fact, be used in sustainable farming if the farmer deems it necessary.



- Cantine Lunae Bosoni (Liguria)
- Cantine Sant’Agata (Piemonte)
- Giovanni Manzone (Piemonte)
- Giacosa Fratelli (Piemonte)
- Illuminati (Abruzzo)
- Michele Castellani (Veneto)
- Palazzo (Tuscany)
- Pietro Rinaldi (Piemonte)
- Rinaldini (Emilia Romagna)
- Tenute Guicciardini Strozzi (Toscana)
- Tenuta Sant’Anna (Veneto)
- Tenimenti Ricci (Toscana)
- Torre Rosazza (Friuli)

ORGANIC and/or CERTIFIED ORGANIC FARMING

“Organic” farming is similar to sustainable in striving to conserve soil and water and use renewable resources, but it has some important additional rules and regulations. Organic farming absolutely prohibits the use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and chemical-based fertilizers around all crops. Here all produce is high in nutrition, obtained with minimal use of auxiliary energy, and based on a cultivation technology which has a minimal effect on the environment. There are many degrees of certified organic farming throughout the world, with regulations varying by nation and region.

IN CONVERSION TO ORGANIC

- Vignamaggio (Tuscany) *(expected to be fully certified in 2018)*

CERTIFIED ORGANIC

- Fattoria di Grignano (Tuscany)
- Vivera (Sicily)

BIODYNAMIC AGRICULTURE

“Biodynamic” farming follows a holistic and mystical philosophy in which the entire wine estate becomes a self-sustaining, self-regulating ecosystem. Biodynamics treats the farm as a living organism that is connected to the dynamic rhythms of the earth and works with the living soil and the invisible energies of nature. It eliminates all chemicals and genetically modified organisms. The natural rhythms of the earth and the moon’s lunar phases are closely followed to increase the “life force” of the soil and, therefore, create a wine (or other product) which is completely authentic to the site. The needs of the farm are met completely from within, using 100% recycled organic waste, along with the incorporation of various indigenous vegetation and prey/predator animals to make the estate complete.

none currently in our portfolio