

Wente Vineyards: Multi-Generational Family Winery Profits from Sustainable Practices

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As the fifth-generation winegrower and viticulturist with her family's winery, Niki Wente was forthright when she declared, "Sustainability in the vineyard has always been our practice, and we wouldn't still be here after 136 years otherwise."

"I think that that's the way that the world is moving. We read more and more about people who are really worried about the environment. As a consumer, I think that that would drive a decision when you're purchasing a bottle of wine. I know a lot of people purchase wines that are organic, which is kind of on the same sustainability, organics, biodynamics wavelength. People who make those choices are looking at the label and seeing if it does say organic wine or sustainable wine, that sort of thing. For other consumers, as they learn more about the differences between conventional farming compared to sustainable, sustainable notations on wine labels will become valuable to their buying decisions," Wente maintained.



