



NATURAL AND ORGANIC WINERIES

Find out which Empson USA wineries practice natural and sustainable farming techniques.

About the Wineries

Any quality winery knows that a great wine begins in the vineyard.

As such, Empson USA is proud to represent these producers that strive to maintain vineyards and winemaking practices that both respect and minimally impact the environment.

Many employ practices such as biodynamic agriculture, manual harvesting, natural fertilization, and low dosage copper and sulfur spray on the vines.

By keeping outside intervention to a minimum, our winemakers allow the natural excellence of the soil to thrive. These practices respect the ancient viticulture traditions, and are evident in the consistency and quality of their grapes and, in turn, wine.

The Practices



USDA Certified Organic

A winery must comply with the USDA standards for the production, handling, and processing of organically grown agricultural products with the primary goal being health and productivity for all the soil, plants, animals and people involved.



Italian (Non-USDA) Certified Organic

A winery must comply with all of the above stated requirements to be considered organic, but they have not completed the certification process within the US. Future legislation is being passed to make it easier for EU certified organic producers to be certified in the USA.



Vegan Wines

Wines that may not use animal-derived products as finings. Typical replacements for non-vegan fining agents are Bentonite, a clay mineral, or some producer choose to let the wine sediments settle naturally, a time-consuming process.



Environmentally Conscious Farming

Includes biodynamic and sustainable farming practices. Biodynamic focuses on soil health, the integration of plants and animals, and biodiversity, while sustainable farming focuses on environmental health, economic profitability, and social and economic equity.



The Empson USA

Winery Practices Cheat Sheet

	Environmentally Conscious Farming	USDA Certified Organic	Italian Certified Organic	Vegan
Bellafonte	X		X	
Bongiovanni	X			
Bucci			X	
Canella				X
Conterno Fantino			X	
Einaudi	X			
Escarpment	X			
Falernia	X		X	
Fantini	X	OPI Montepulciano	X	
Farnese			X	
Il Molino di Grace		X		
Lagaria	X			X
Main Divide	X			
Marcarini	X			X (Barolos Only)
Matané				X
Molo 8	X			
Pegasus Bay	X			
Speri		Ripasso & La Roverina	X	
Terrabianca				X
Toscolo	X			X
Villa Matilde	X			
Vigneti del Vulture	X			
Zabu	X			

