

Helping Preserve Sonoma County as a World Class Wine Growing Region

WATER CONSERVATION



1. Low-flow nozzles are used on all hoses in Winery cellar.
2. Storm Water Observation Program in place.
3. Winery waste water is naturally cleaned and used to irrigate 120 acres of vineyards.

WILDLIFE PRESERVATION



In 1998, with the help of the Army Corp of Engineers, St. Francis Winery established 40 acre wetlands on our Lagomarsino Vineyard in Russian River Valley. Small ponds were built and trees and cover crops planted to encourage wildlife and water fowl.

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WINERY & VINEYARDS

"St. Francis Winery has enjoyed tremendous success by focusing on Sonoma County. With success comes responsibility to future generations who will live and work here as well. Engaging in green practices is the right thing to do, which makes it the right way to run a business."

Christopher Silva, President & CEO
St. Francis Winery & Vineyards

SOLAR ENERGY



SOLAR INSTALLATION

The installation of a 457 kilowatt solar electrical system on the roof of our Winery and barrel building was completed in 2004. Over the next 30 years, this system will reduce emissions of carbon dioxide by 4,000 tons.

The environmental savings will be reflected in the conservation of natural resources equivalent to 32,000 barrels of oil, 14.5 million lbs of coal or 190 million cubic feet of Natural Gas.

This savings is equivalent to:

Removing 775 cars

Planting 110 acres of trees

Power for over 450 homes during the day

ENERGY CONSERVATION



In 2004 St. Francis installed an energy efficient lighting retrofit giving us better layout, better visibility and a 55% reduction in energy usage.

NATURAL RESOURCE PRESERVATION



1. All stone walls and drainage pathways were constructed of field stone sourced from Wild Oak Vineyard and Winery excavation.
2. Metal building systems for roof of Winery and barrel building were constructed from 70% recycled steel.