



A NEW LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY

For those members who have exceeded the core requirements for LIVE certification, we offer this set of additional criteria to showcase an extraordinarily high level of sustainability. Contact us at info@livecertified.org to enroll.

Vineyard Certification Requirements:

1. Earn LIVE certification with a score of 75% of green items¹ on the LIVE Vineyard Checklist
2. Elimination of all herbicides across the entire farm.
3. For pesticides other than herbicides - only OMRI²-approved active ingredients³ listed on the LIVE Yellow List of Approved Pesticides have been used. This includes non-use of copper-based fungicides and use of sulfur within limits set by LIVE, as well as compliance with any other restrictions on the LIVE Yellow List.
4. Complete greenhouse gas accounting⁴ across all operations of scopes 1, 2, and 3 with a written plan for reaching net zero by 2030, working toward real zero by 2050. Have the accounting and plan reviewed by a qualified third-party.
5. Additional social sustainability criteria may be added in the future.

Wine Labeling Requirements:

1. 100% of fruit is from a LIVE Plus Vineyard (see above for requirements)
2. Made in a LIVE Winery
3. Clean pesticide panel (including glyphosate) from an ISO 17025 accredited lab for each bottling lot bearing the LIVE Plus logo.⁵
4. Vessel weighs 56% (420g/750ml) or less of still wine content⁶

Fees

This certification will not carry dues in addition to those for standard LIVE certification. However, inspection fees will be more costly because of the time and expertise required to verify additional requirements. Members will be charged \$900 as a placeholder inspection fee, which may be adjusted based on the actual cost.

¹ The basic LIVE passing requirement for green items is 50%

² Organic Materials Review Institute, i.e. products allowed by the National Organic Program

³ For EPA-registered pesticides. Growers may use EPA-exempt and GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe) materials not listed on the LIVE Yellow List at their own risk.

⁴ Members may use LIVE Greenhouse Gas Calculator, IWCA calculator, or others on a case-by-case basis.

⁵ If the pesticide panel shows any residue of disallowed materials in wine, the member must work to find the source of contamination and adequately address it before LIVE Plus designation can be earned on future bottlings.

⁶ Or is part of a bottle reuse program which sometimes uses marginally heavier bottles to avoid breakage during the sterilization process. There is currently no LIVE Plus bottle weight limit for sparkling wines, but will be added in the future.