

ABBOTT CLAIM

OUR HOLISTIC FARMING STANDARD

It starts by recognizing what matters, and to us, it has to be the land, its personality, and idiosyncracies; there is nothing more fundamental to what we do as a winery than the piece of land where the vines grow and their mutual interactions. Our farming and winemaking are just there to translate that information rather than manufacture a style. Our work is gentle and thoughtful. Regenerative farming is part of our overall holistic farming standard and ethos; at the core of this is soil health- which is essential to promoting biodiversity for overall site health, resilience, and longevity.

Cover Crops – Rye, oats, buckwheat, Austrian peas, crimson clover, berseem clover, and phacelia comprise the bulk of our cover crops. Before the growing season, we will broadcast and drill a variety of pollinator-friendly mixes to further diversify the vineyard floor and bring more vitality to the overall site.

Conservation tillage – a practice that includes no-till, strip till, and mulch till systems. We use this practice to build and maintain soil organic matter, decrease compaction in the upper soil strata, and decrease rodent pressure.

Compost inputs – inputs are applied and incorporated in the spring and fall.

Organic Compost: Produced in-house from spent pomace from the winery, organic green manure from a local certified organic dairy, hay, and minerals. We add Biodynamic preparations and worms and allow the compost to cure. Then, it is incorporated into the soil ahead of seeding the fall cover crop.

Compost Extract: An OMRI-listed Certified Organic product that is ammended with additional biological inoculants and fertilizers. This is applied in the early spring ahead of bud break.

BD 500: Produced on-site from green manure and Biodynamic preparations, locally sourced from BD practitioners. Approximately 40 cow horns are filled with the dynamized manure and placed in the ground to ferment and cure for 6-18 months, depending on seasons and vineyard needs. After the horns are unearthed, compost is removed, and stored until applied every 2-3 weeks until bloom, then once in the fall after harvest.

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