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Freeman Vineyard & Winery awarded 100% organic certification

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Freeman Vineyard & Winery, 1300 Montgomery Rd., Sebastopol. (Courtesy: Freeman Winery)



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Freeman Vineyard & Winery announced Wednesday it has earned 100% organic certification through the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) for its Gloria and Yuki estate Pinot Noir vineyards.

Gloria is a Russian River appellation wine, Yu-ki vineyard sits above the town of Occidental in the West Sonoma Coast appellation.

“Akiko and I care deeply about the environment and about leaving the world a better place for future generations,” Ken Freeman said in a news release. “We live amid the Gloria vineyard, so that gives us even more reason to care about what goes into the soil.”

Freeman also noted changes to its packaging to reduce the winery’s carbon footprint, switching to lighter weight glass bottles and eliminating tin capsules from the bottle necks. Freeman noted. “Capsules are very environmentally unfriendly,” he said, “from the digging of the ore to the production, which uses tons of energy.” The lighter weight glass bottles allow Freeman to ship more cases per pallet—reducing the product’s carbon footprint in transit, the release said.

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