**Many wineries are now using Organic, Biodynamic or Sustainable agricultural methods. While certifications vary by country and region, below is a general description of these farming practices:**

**ORGANIC**
There are generally two types of organic listings on wine bottles. Wines can be made from certified organically grown grapes, avoiding any synthetic additives, or, to take it a step further, "organic" wines are made from organically grown grapes, and are also made without any added sulfites (though naturally occurring sulfites will still be present).

**BIODYNAMIC**
Biodynamic is similar to organic farming in that both take place without chemicals, but biodynamic farming incorporates ideas about a vineyard as an ecosystem, and also accounting for things such as astrological influences and lunar cycles (a concept initiated by Rudolf Steiner in 1924). A biodynamic wine means that the grapes are farmed biodynamically, and that the winemaker did not make the wine with any common manipulations such as yeast additions or acidity adjustments. A wine "made from biodynamic grapes" means that a vintner used biodynamically grown grapes, but followed a less strict list of rules in winemaking.

**SUSTAINABLE**
Sustainability refers to a range of practices that are not only ecologically sound, but also economically viable and socially responsible. (Sustainable farmers may farm largely organically or biodynamically but have flexibility to choose what works best for their individual property; they may also focus on energy and water conservation, use of renewable resources and other issues.) Some third-party agencies offer sustainability certifications, and many regional industry associations are working on developing clearer standards.

**We want to know if your winery uses any of these farming practices, and also if your winery and/or any of your wines have certifications for any of these methods. Please email Sara Lewis with the following information:**

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| Does your winery use organic, biodynamic or sustainable agricultural methods? If yes, which one? |  |
| If available in your country or region, is your winery certified as being organic, biodynamic or sustainable? If yes, please provide a copy of the certificate. |  |
| Are any of your wines certified as being organic, biodynamic or sustainable? If yes, please provide a copy of the certificate. |  |