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METTLER

FAMILY VINEYARDS

Taste Our Tradition

SUSTAINABLE & ORGANICALLY FARMED

ORGANIC FARMING AT A GLANCE

SOIL

Building organic matter within the soil is key to organic farming. You must feed the soil in order to feed the plant. The balance of the soil structure is critical not only in organic farming but to the overall health of the vine.

Cover crops in vineyards are used to fix nitrogen and soil tilth. They create a habitat for beneficial insects and reduce erosion. Cover crops can also be helpful in weed control, and reduces air pollution by keeping dust down in the vineyards.

Use of compost on the vineyards floor if needed.

DISEASE CONTROL

Prevention is key

Modern trellising, shoot positioning, and leaf removal allow sunlight penetration and air flow into the vines canopy, greatly reducing mildew pressure.

Sulfur Dust

PEST CONTROL

Organic farmers must encourage a healthy ecosystem; to include and encourage predatory insect species, which eat pests.

By not using pesticides, beneficial insects remain in the vineyards.

Owl Boxes placed in vineyards create a natural form of pest control.

WEED CONTROL

Mechanized in-row cultivator

Hand hoeing

FARMING PRACTICES

We have always been progressive concerning our farming techniques. Using integrated pest management, cover crops and composting; and disease control through trellising, shoot positioning and leaf removal, we farm land for healthy vines and consistent wine quality.

CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE

Our Lodi vineyards are certified sustainable through the “Lodi Rules” certification process. The Lodi Rules for Sustainable Winegrowing is California’s first 3rd party-certified sustainable winegrowing program. It promotes practices that enhance biodiversity, soil and water health, community and employee well-being, while meeting our needs today without compromising the needs of future generations.

CERTIFIED ORGANIC

In addition to sustainability, in 2010 we took our vineyards to the next level and became certified organic through the CCOF (California Certified Organic Farmers). It has been a vision of the family for years to become an organic farm and this is an important commitment to the quality and uniqueness of the Mettler wines. As farmers—and as a family—we hold a fundamental belief in giving back to the land, to maintain its bounty and nourish the soil to last for many generations to come.

