

# Benziger Family Winery

<b>Business Type</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>
Number of employees	65
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## Bottom Line Savings

- It is estimated that water recycling efforts will lower water use by 65% (approximately 3 million gallons).

### Energy

- Energy audit with Sonoma State University completed in 1999 continues to help guide Benziger in their electrical energy conservation efforts
- Cave construction eliminates the need for refrigeration, heating, and humidification in wine barrel storage.

### Recycling/Reuse

- Recycles all office and production material.
- All packaging material is recyclable.

### Water

- Recycles water using a pond and wet-lands recycling system.

### Sustainable Agriculture

- Uses grass and legume cover crops.
- Practices natural pest control by growing plants that mites and predatory bugs like to eat.
- Composts all organic matter from the property.
- Two vineyards in Glen Ellen are Demeter Certified Biodynamic.

Best Practices