



## GOOD TO THE EARTH

*From the beginning, the Sokol Blosser family was aware of the impact that farming and wine production would have on the environment and its community. Before it was even popular, the winery did everything it could to give back. Today, the second generation of Sokol Blossers continue this 'good to the earth' practice holistically across people, planet, and profit. There's no other way to make great Pinot.*

**Vineyard** | Our business model starts with being the best stewards of our land. In 1996, we were the first winery to be certified Salmon-Safe. We attained USDA organic certification in 2005. Each harvest, we collect the fallen fruit and leaves, spreading these gatherings back in the vineyard to fertilize our vines and maintain soil health. Our vineyard perimeter plantings of lavender, yarrow, and rudbeckia help to provide habitats for beneficial insects and expand our vineyard ecosystem. We care for the bluebirds on our Estate as members of the Prescott Western Bluebird Recovery Project. As our wine program has grown and evolved, so too has our acreage. In total we farm 128 acres in Oregon including our Dundee Hills Estate, Blossom Ridge in the Eola-Amity Hills, and Kalita Vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA.

**Winemaking** | Our barrel cellar was the first winery facility in the U.S. to earn the prestigious LEED (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*) certification. It's underground and keeps our barrels of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay aging at a constant 55° with no heating and no air conditioning. We use a no-waste, energy-efficient crossflow filter for our wines. Our packaging is representative of our sustainable methods, using low weight bottles, recycled content paper, no foil on our still wines and natural cork enclosures.

**Business** | We are a Certified B Corp and believe sustainability is measured both by our impact on the environment and the community, including our people. In 2006 we installed a 24kW solar array to support the winery's energy needs. We offer comprehensive and generous benefits programs to our employees, and support local charities through in kind donations and offering paid volunteer time to all employees.



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