

Sustainability in Practice (SIP)TM

Vineyard Certification Program



Renewal Documentation

2012

For Vineyards in Cycle 2 and 3

June 1 – July 15 – Renewal Documentation must be submitted to your auditor chosen from the approved list on the last page of the Information Package.

Vineyards randomly selected for an onsite renewal audit are Boekenoogen Vineyards, Claiborne & Churchill, Salaal Vineyards, and Stone's Throw. **All other vineyards** (except for cycle 2 and 3 renewals that received either an onsite or impromptu in 2011) **are eligible for the impromptu on-site audit (minimum 48 hour notice).**

Please review the Information Package for audit details.

In accordance with Chapter One: Vineyard Renewal Cycle (page 2 of the Information Package), it is essential that Standard compliance documentation be kept current on an annual basis.

RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION LIST

Standard	Required or ME	Description
2.6.1.2	Requirement	You must base nutrient applications on the vineyard's nutrient application plan.
2.6.1.3	Requirement	You must annually add organic matter to the soil, such as compost, manure, municipal green waste, green manure from your cover crop, and/or mulch. Organic matter must be managed in such a way to prevent the introduction of unwanted pests, pathogens, and weed species as well as to prevent nutrient leaching.
3.3.1.2	Requirement	A winter cover crop (resident or planted) must be maintained.
4.3.1.2	Requirement	You must track total water the vineyard receives during the season from rainfall, frost protection, and irrigation.
7.1.1.3	Requirement	Employee safety trainings must be given every time an employee enters a new working environment.
8.1.1.1	Requirement	No Active Ingredients (AI) on the Prohibited Materials List (PML) can be used.
8.1.1.2	Requirement	You must monitor and record the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence and population dynamics of vineyard pests and insect/mite natural enemies at a minimum of every two weeks during the growing season. • Presence and severity levels of diseases or disease vectors at a minimum of every two weeks during the growing season. • Presence and severity levels of weeds at least once per month throughout the year. • Presence and identification of vertebrate pests at least once per month throughout the year.
8.1.1.4	Requirement	Pesticides (insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides) with different modes of action must be alternated within the seasonal spray program in order to minimize the risk of pesticide resistance development.
9.1.1.1	Requirement	You must participate in at least 20 hours of Continuing Education each year.
10.1.1.1	Requirement	You must record fruit quality parameters on an annual basis, including Brix, pH, and TA. Provide fruit quality parameter records from the previous year.