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Wine Institute Statement on Glyphosate

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Fact Sheet on Glyphosate

- California's vintners and growers have a long tradition of family-owned businesses **dedicated to sustainable winegrowing and are global leaders in adopting sustainable practices.** Following California environmental standards that are among the strictest in the world, our vintners and growers seek out products with the lowest impact on the environment, using natural alternatives whenever possible.
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- **Wines sold in the U.S. marketplace are safe to enjoy and our growers and winemakers stand behind the safety and quality of their wines.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established safe levels for glyphosate in [over 150 foods and beverages.](#)
- **Any product used in agriculture must meet stringent safety standards** that are thoroughly reviewed and studied by the EPA, state and international governmental agencies.
- To implement wide adoption of sustainable practices, Wine Institute and the California Association of Winegrape Growers created the **California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance (CSWA)** in 2003. CSWA's comprehensive educational program of continuous improvement focuses on key areas including: water and energy efficiency, soil health, wildlife habitat, waste management, air and water quality, employees, neighbors and communities, and pest management.
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