

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

The Wine Collective

THE WINE COLLECTIVE est. 2019 1700 W 41st Street, Suite 490 Baltimore, MD 21211 <u>www.winecollective.vin</u> Winery *Member since March 2021*

Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

We do everything with sustainability in mind, from growing grapes sustainably with local farmers, to making wine with the least intervention possible and using only natural ingredients, to packaging with recycled glass and zero emissions, 100% recyclable cork—all our practices are informed by a deep commitment to stewardship of our environment.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

We have a swing-top bottle membership program, where we encourage people to buy wine and bring back their swing-top bottles for refills rather than throwing bottles away. We also use <u>Nomacorc</u>, which are 100% recyclable, zero emissions bottle closures made from sugar cane waste instead of cork, and do not use capsules in order to minimize waste. This saves the environmental impact of at least 48,000 corks per year and eliminates the waste of 48,000 tin/polylaminate capsules per year.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We always prioritize buying from vendors with a commitment to sustainability, regardless of cost and feature local produce.

<u>Waste</u>

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

Our bottling practices reduce waste as described above.

✓ Recycling

We recycle all the glass that we cannot reuse.

Composting

All organic waste from our food service is composted by Veteran Compost. Additionally, all our grape pomace, skins, stems—all organic matter from the processing of 150 tons of grapes per year—is returned to the farms to be used as natural fertilizer.



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

