

10 Planet-Friendly Wines to Drink On Earth Day

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On April 22, Earth Day will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Back in 1970, the inaugural Earth Day event helped establish the modern environmental movement. And many of the causes that brought people together back then—concern about pesticides use, water conservation, and the loss of natural wildlife habitats—have since gained new supporters and new urgency.

“When the first Earth Day happened, there was an emphasis on personal change at the level of the individual,” says Aaron Sachs, a professor of history at Cornell University. While that emphasis persists today, he says a notable difference between then and now is that environmentalism has expanded to the food industry. “Even in big grocery store chains, you see vegan and organic options where there never used to be.” And these trends have extended into the world of grape farming and winemaking.

Even a decade ago, most wine shops or supermarkets did not stock bottles made with [organically farmed grapes](#) or other nature-minded methods. Today, wine drinkers who care about the planet and its health can easily find such options—including, in many states, a broader selection of locally produced wines that come without the environmental drawbacks of long-distance transport.

Consider this guide your Earth Day wine shopping list. Each of the wines on this list is produced using methods—some new, some ancient—that limit their impact on the planet.

2018 Domaine Mamaruta Les Tondeuses (\$20)

The name of this biodynamically farmed wine translates to “the lawnmowers.” That’s a reference to the French winemaker’s cows, who chip in with weeding and pruning on his Languedoc-Roussillon’s vineyard. This wonderfully fruity, delectably funky natural wine is available from [MYSA](#), an online natural wine shop that sources sustainably farmed, low-intervention wines from all over the world.

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Doreen Winkler is a New-York based natural wine sommelier and founder of [Orange Glou](#), which she calls “the world’s first, and only, wine subscription service devoted solely to skin-contact wines,” otherwise known as orange wines. As someone who owns a wine club, she recognizes when one of her peers does a top-flight job, and recommends MYSA Natural Wines for the selection and for its eco-conscious ethos.

“MYSA donates 1% of all sales, not just profits, to support environmental initiatives that offset the impact of shipping wine via 1% for the Planet and the Carbon Fund. [Holly Berrigan](#) and co-founder Niclas Jansson are based in Spain and source all of their European wines themselves, exclusively introducing to the U.S. market small producers who practice sustainable farming and low-intervention cellar methods such as *Domaine de l’Envol* (France), *Vinssens* (Spain) and *Aldo Viola* (Italy),” she says. As a nice bonus, MYSA also “produces [podcasts](#) and [blog posts](#) about natural wine and moderates a growing [online community](#) that connects natural wine lovers worldwide.”

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Keep mom on trend with a curated box of natural wine for her next happy hour (whether it's at home or virtual). You'll find a variety of rosés (summer is around the corner, after all), sparkling pet nats and the ever-so-trendy orange wines, too.