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# SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW

In crafting our premium oak barrels, Cooperages 1912 is committed to the long-term sustainability of our forests.

A perfect pairing between wine and oak barrel is only satisfactory if we can also do our part to help ensure thriving French and American forests for future generations.

## WE ARE COMMITTED TO USING OAK FROM SUSTAINABLY MANAGED FORESTS

### French Oak Forest

Our French oak stave mill, Merrain International, is certified "PEFC." This certification verifies we are using French oak logs from sustainably managed and certified forests.

### American Oak Forest

Currently certification is not as prevalent in the United States, however our company-owned stave mills encourage our log suppliers to use sustainable practices when harvesting timber. We are happy to report American oak forests are growing at a faster rate than they are being harvested.

## HARVESTING TREES IMPROVES FOREST HEALTH

Forests are an important natural resource, so it's not surprising there is a mistaken belief that cutting down trees is detrimental to the forest. However, research tells us harvesting mature trees helps renew the forest and therefore is essential to keeping forests healthy. The key is to harvest trees in a sustainable manner. Here are several benefits of harvesting:

- Removing trees creates more room for the remaining trees, releasing them to grow with more sunlight and moisture available. This is especially important for oaks, as they require lots of sunlight to grow well.
- Thinning a forest can improve the availability of food for wildlife. Remaining trees tend to be more vigorous and thus usually produce more seeds and nuts.
- Trees in a healthy, growing forest store carbon, which helps reduce the impact of the greenhouse effect.

How we define **forest sustainability**: Healthy, productive forests that will continue for generations to come.

## WE HAVE A CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

By utilizing nearly 100% of each oak log for staves (to make oak barrels) as well as oak chips and mulch, Cooperages 1912 operates **one of the most sustainable, environmentally conscious cooperages in the world.**