



A lifetime of key moments.

TALTARNI

OUR ENVIRONMENT

We genuinely care for our environment. Taltarni was described by wine writer Robert Joseph as “one of the most beautiful vineyards on the planet”. In order to maintain and preserve the natural beauty of our vineyards as well as the surrounding environment, our goal is to reduce our climate change impacts wherever and whenever possible. We are committed to doing so to ensure future generations also enjoy a lifetime of key moments.

Taltarni’s environmental initiatives include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining an *Insectarium* (vegetation corridor) of around 2,000 native plants that provide a pollen and nectar source for a range of beneficial insects, greatly reducing our need for chemicals and other controls in our vineyards
 - Our *Insectarium*, the brainchild of viticulturalist Matt Bailey, places Taltarni at the very fore of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
 - Matt regularly monitors the insect populations with surveys and samplings that are sent to the University of Melbourne’s Zoology Department for identification and analysis
 - There are currently three *Insectariums* at Taltarni, and we’re incorporating additional *insectariums* into all new vineyard plantings
 - Our *Insectarium* featured on ABC’s Landline in “A Bug’s Life” on 03/04/2011 – <http://www.youtube.com/taltarnivineyard#p/a/u/0/mvBE0meffko>
- Signing the Australian Packaging Covenant (APC), reducing the impacts of our packaging on the environment
 - Our APC Action Plan can be viewed at www.taltarni.com.au
- Conducting native grass trials to reduce our reliance on herbicides and increase our populace of beneficial insects within rows
- Rolling/crimping of cover-crops to reduce fuel usage and compactions and increase soil biology and moisture retention
- Properly disposing of chemical drums via Drum Muster outlets
- Applying natural products, such as seaweed, to the soil and canopy as well as microorganism stimulants to the soil
- Restocking our damns with native fish
- Refraining from using Diuron and Simazine on our property, thereby reducing the impact on ground water
- Regularly monitoring for PD and only spraying when necessary (fresh-hold is reached)
- “Recycling the vines” by mulching/chipping old or unwanted blocks/vines and adding our grape marc plus composted cow manure and home-grown hay to create mulch, which is later put back into the vineyard/block (sustainable)
- Mulching all our poly pipe which is collected from dismantled blocks into manageable piles and later recycled into other products (ie plastic posts) via the processor
- Planting 600 – 1,200 native shrubs each year within our vineyard to protect against soil erosion while rehabilitating the surrounding environment (bushland) by increasing wildlife (fauna/flora)
- Taking our guardianship of 500 hectares of bushland, home to many kangaroos, koalas, echidnas (as well as a resident hawk!) seriously
- Recycling all our steel posts and wires from dismantled blocks/vineyards
- Propagating our own native plants sourced from the Taltarni vineyard and later replanting them back into the environment within the *Insectariums*/blocks/vineyards
- Recycling all our engine oils, which are collected by waste management
- Recycling waste water as irrigation water for the paddocks
- Implementing sustainability/self-sufficiency programs to reduce power and water usage in the winery (ie the only water used for cleaning and other processes is that which is collected via our roofs and held in our own large water storage facility)



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