

Goody Green: Eco-Friendly Wine

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It takes a lot to get me excited about green products these days, so when I stumbled upon a bottle of [Cono Sur](#) Cabernet Sauvignon with a flashy “drink green!” hang tag around its neck last week I was pleasantly surprised (once, of course, I got over their superfluous use of paper). The neighborhood wine store is one of the few places left that hasn’t been completely greenwashed. Sure, proprietors have done their part to be eco-friendly by supporting local vineyards over the years and welcoming an increasing number of organic wines as they continue to gain popularity, but never before have I seen a wine display that boasts being “green”. Turns out, the tag is for very good reason! This Chilean vineyard is **the first winery in the world to obtain a Carbon Neutral delivery status** thanks to the Greenhouse Gas Emission reduction projects they’ve invested in to offset the CO2 footprint created during shipping their wines. (Now, that’s something to drink to!) While I don’t want to see vineyards across the world redesign their labels with eco-friendly stamps of approval on them once they’ve jumped on the boat (haven’t we all had enough of that marketing war?), I do look forward to more sustainable options hitting the wine store shelves so those of us who enjoy a glass of vino as much as we care about the environment can finally have more green guilt-free options! Bonus: At about \$10 a bottle, Cono Sur is incredibly affordable, was very enjoyable, and has grape varieties for every palette.