

HIGH ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE  
CERTIFICATION

# Committed to respecting the environment



Farmland conservation is an issue close to the heart of all independent wine-growers, hence why growing numbers are certifying their best practices.



**The High Environmental Value certification** (or *Haute Valeur Environnementale* (HVE) in French) is official public recognition of the environmental performance of farms and vineyards.



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## High Environmental Value (HVE)

HVE is a voluntary program that aims to identify and promote environmentally-friendly practices. Established in 2012 by France's Ministry of Ecology and Ministry of Agriculture, the program covers four key areas:

- Biodiversity conservation
- Phytosanitary strategy
- Management of fertilizer use
- Water management

## HVE certification guarantees that the vineyard:

- Respects the ecosystem of the land where vines are grown and wine is produced; and
- conserves biodiversity through the practice of "rest areas" called ecological corridors that give plants, animals and insects a chance to develop.

50% of HVE certified businesses are Vignerons Indépendants members.  
38,2% of Vignerons Indépendants members are certified under one or more environmental programs.

## For more information, visit the website of the Ministry of Agriculture

<http://agriculture.gouv.fr/hev-certification>

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