


# PESTONI FAMILY UPPER VALLEY RECYCLING

NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA


## RECYCLING WINERY GRAPE WASTE




Wine Grapes are harvested in the Napa Valley between the months of August and November.



The recycling process is complete once the compost is applied back to the local vineyards through the company's progressive composting program for wineries. Ninety percent of the compost is used in viticulture, the rest is used for landscaping and home gardening.



It takes Upper Valley Recycling nine months to turn the grape pomace into organic compost. Every year, the company produces some 12,000 tons of compost.



After the grapes are pressed to make wine, the seeds, skins and stems remain. This waste, which is called pomace, can be recycled into various products, including compost. Upper Valley Recycling, operated by the Pestoni Family since 1966, collects pomace 24 hours a day during grape harvest.