

Our Sustainability Commitment

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

Our French oak stave mill, Merrain International, is certified “PEFC”, along with all T.W. Boswell and World Cooperage French oak barrels. This certification verifies we use French oak logs from sustainably managed and certified forests.

In the United States, our log buyers actively partner with Certified Master Loggers and other loggers who have received Professional Timber Harvest training. We also work with and support American Forests and the White Oak Initiative.



We utilize 100% of every oak log

Once logs are purchased and put on the log storage yard at one of our company-owned stave mills, it is our job to utilize every inch of our precious resource wisely.

Using our proprietary technology, we optimize cuts for each log to get the maximum number of stave or heading pieces possible. All the oak byproducts of stave production are used by our sister companies, leaving us with zero waste per log.



Harvesting Improves Forest Health

Forests are an important natural resource and we are committed to doing our part in promoting their sustainability through selectively harvesting trees at their peak maturity. Harvesting mature trees in a sustainable manner helps to renew the forest – keeping it healthy and thriving.



Enhances Wildlife:

Selectively harvesting a forest improves the availability of food for wildlife. Remaining trees tend to be more vigorous and produce more seeds and nuts for wildlife.



Promotes Growth:

Removing mature trees at their growth peak creates more room for the remaining trees, allowing the younger trees to fully grow with the new increase of sunlight and moisture.



Combats Pollution:

Sustainably harvested forests are healthier and healthy trees store carbon, which reduces the impact of the greenhouse effect.