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A Winery Friendly to Fish

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FAIRFIELD — There are plenty of wines meant to be paired with fish, but Winterhawk Winery is trying something new.

The Suisun Valley-based winery recently released Solano County's first wine to be marketed as "fish friendly." The term is based on an environmental certification program that requires the winery to meet certain standards for how it manages its vineyard.

"It's nice to implement a program that integrates best management practices and great wine together," said Vineyard Manager Jim Parr.

The Fish Friendly Farming program is a certification program for vineyards that are managed to restore fish and wildlife habitat and improve water quality. It is one of the most comprehensive environmental certification in the state and requires that Winterhawk Winery manage its vineyards with care to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitats.

About 200 cases of the 2008 Sauvignon Blanc were produced.