

How to Use *The Lodi Rules* Farming Practices Standards

Certification is awarded to an individual vineyard on an annual basis. There are 75 standards in the six chapters: Ecosystem Management; Education, Training and Team Building; Soil Management; Water Management; Vineyard Establishment; and Pest Management. A grower reads each standard and selects the component of each standard that describes what is done in their vineyard. The points awarded for that component are then added to the points awarded for the other standards in that chapter. Below is an example standard from *The Lodi Rules* Soil Management Section:

3.3 Soil Analysis ^V

a. I sent a <u>soil sample</u> from the vineyard to a lab for analysis <u>within the last three years</u> , or every year if undergoing a soil amendment program.	3
b. I sent a <u>soil sample</u> from the vineyard to a lab for analysis <u>within the last five years</u> , or at least every three years if undergoing a soil amendment program.	2
c. I took a <u>soil sample</u> and had it analyzed at some point since the vineyard was planted, but <u>more than five years ago</u> .	1
d. I have <u>never taken soil samples</u> from my vineyard and had them analyzed.	0

In this example, the grower indicated they are implementing ‘b.’ for this standard so they are awarded 2 points, which are then added to the point total from the other standards in that chapter. The point totals from each chapter of *The Lodi Rules* are then tallied. The vineyard qualifies for certification if the score for each chapter exceeds 50% of the total possible points for each chapter. Furthermore, the vineyard cannot have scored a ‘Fail Chapter’ on any of the Fail Chapter standards discussed above.

Some standards are applicable to the entire farm and only need to be answered once for all vineyards on that farm. These have an ‘F’ superscript. Other standards, like the example above, apply to each vineyard and need to be answered for each vineyard. These have a ‘V’ superscript.