

¿WHAT IS THE SUSTAINABILITY CODE?

The Sustainability Code is a voluntary instrument, designed to incorporate sustainable practices in wine companies, based on requirements in three complementary areas: green, red and orange. It aims to promote the benefits of sustainable production of grapes and high quality wines, and encourage grape growers and wine producers to improve their management through compliance with the requirements of the standard.

To meet the requirements of the Code, the vineyards must have an environmental and social management system that at least meets the current national legislation, regardless of the complexity of its operations.

REQUIREMENTS

The code requirements are part of a long-term vision, based on the combination of environmental principles, social fairness and economic viability. There are critical requirements that are mandatory (highlighted in red on the checklists) and non-critical or general requirements.

Regardless of the type of company, the Code of Sustainability helps to:

- Plan, implement, operate, maintain and update a management system aimed at providing products that come from sustainable management.
- Introduce changes to its suppliers way of work, and improve relations with communities close to their production units.
- Improve communication with customers and relevant stakeholders in the chain of production of wine.
- Continuously improve its management to obtain and maintain certification.

CERTIFICATE TYPES AREAS

The Code establishes requirements in three main areas of the production chain, which have been identified according to the actual context of the wine sector:

- Green Area: Vineyard. Includes own estates and long-term grape suppliers (2 years or more).
- Red area: Process. It includes the winery, bottling plant and other facilities related to wine production.
- Orange area. Social. It applies to the company, including its fields, offices and facilities.

There is a single compliance Standard containing all three areas and a checklist per area with scores for each requirement. Checklist verifiers are referential and therefore do not represent a formal requirement of the certification process. These verifiers are for reference only to those who must implement and evaluate the Code, and can meet the requirements of the standard through other means.