



SICILY SOSTAIN FOUNDATION

Launched in 2010, this initiative stems from Tasca d'Almerita's commitment to Research and Development; SOStain Sicilia is the sustainability programme for Sicilian viticulture promoted by the Sicily SOSain Foundation with the purpose of certifying the sustainability of the regional wine sector.

THE 10 SOSTAIN REQUIREMENTS

01 SUSTAINABLE VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

SOStain companies are required to manage their vineyards in a sustainable way.

Tasca d'Almerita follows the Regulation Management methods of eco-sustainable companies. Its management has a **far lower impact** (correlated to the use of agrochemicals) on the environment, on the farmer and on the consumer than that of an equivalent organic viticulture.



03 BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION AND MEASUREMENT

To protect biodiversity, if the company has a surface area of more than 15 ha, it must maintain natural areas on at least the 5% of the company land.

Tasca d'Almerita devotes to wine growing the 71% of the total area of its Estates, and **the remaining areas - 19,5% - are devoted to pastures, arable land, olive groves, forests, lakes, streams and non-cultivated areas.**

+7,55% OF NATURAL AREAS
COMPARED TO 2020

05 LOCAL RAW MATERIALS

It is required that 100% of the grapes and wines purchased, if any, are of regional origin.

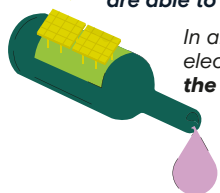
100% of the grapes are sourced from the Sicilian territory. The grape suppliers are all located in the territories surrounding the Tasca d'Almerita Estates. In addition, **50% of the suppliers of raw materials** necessary for wine production are located in Sicily, which also saves on the CO₂ that is consumed during transport.



07 ONLY THE ENERGY NEEDED

Processes are considered environmentally efficient if they are able to produce wines using max. 0,7 kWh/l of electricity.

In all of Tasca d'Almerita Estates the consumption of electricity per litre of wine produced remained **lower than the limit defined by the SOSain Regulations: 0,7 kWh/l.**



09 NOT ONLY A STICKER

SOSain companies publish every year a sustainability report.

In 2022 Tasca d'Almerita published its **twelfth** report.



02 NO CHEMICAL HERBICIDES

The companies participating in the SOSain programme choose not to use chemical herbicides.

Tasca d'Almerita has not used chemical weed control products on any of its Estates for 12 years. To combat weeds, we use mechanical weeding, which consists of using physical tools, such as the hoe, but also ploughs, blades, motor hoes, and inter-row harrows, which uproot the weeds from the soil and remove them from the vineyard.



04 ECO-FRIENDLY MATERIALS IN THE VINEYARDS

SOSain companies use only eco-compatible materials in the vineyards.

On Tasca d'Almerita estates, the materials used in vine growing activities are **selected on the basis of their recyclability and eco-compatibility.** All the vineyards are set up using poles made of wood or metal, and the ties for the vines are made of biodegradable material.



06 VIVA SUSTAINABILITY

Measuring the impact on air, water, the vineyard and the territory following VIVA programme.

Tasca d'Almerita from 2016 calculates, on a company-wide scale, the indices proposed by the VIVA programme (Air-Carbon Footprint, Water - Water Footprint, Vineyard and Territory). **The company satisfied all the requisites of the VIVA programme.**



08 LIGHT BOTTLES FOR THE AIR, TOO

The average weight of the still wine bottles used during the year must be less than or equal to 550 g/0.75 litre.

With reference to last year, 2022, the average weight of 0.75 litre bottles (excluding sparkling wines) was **513.30 grams.** Thus well below the SOSain benchmark.



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10 ABSENCE OF RESIDUES IN WINES

SOSain companies must carry out mandatory analyses to verify the absence of residues in wines every year.

The analyses conducted over the years on Tasca d'Almerita wines **have never detected the presence of any residues.** The sulphite content of Tasca d'Almerita wines is below the limits allowed by organic wine technical regulations.



THE "CENTOPERCENTO" SICILIA BOTTLE FOR SOSTAIN COMPANIES

Following the study and analysis carried out jointly by the Sicily SOStain Foundation and the O-I glassworks, the "Centopercento Sicilia" bottle was created in 2022.

It is produced in Sicily at the O-I plant in Marsala and has a high recycled glass content (90%) coming ONLY from separate waste collection carried out in Sicily.

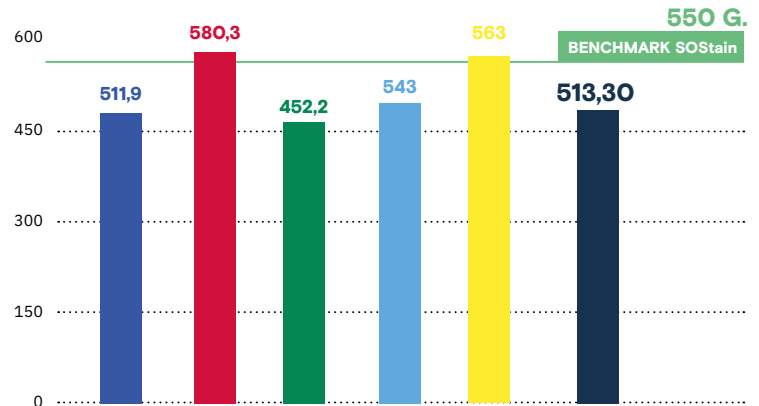


410 g



TASCA D'ALMERITA RESULTS

With reference to last year, 2022, the average weight of 0.75 ml bottles (excluding sparkling wines) was 513.30 grams. Below is a breakdown of the average weight for the wines of each Estate.



CERTIFICATION

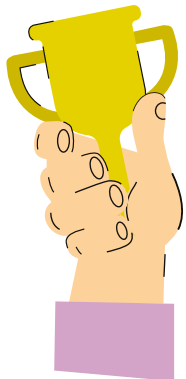
In 2017, Tasca d'Almerita obtained the **SOStain and VIVA company certification** that demonstrates the company's commitment to respect a sustainability system based on qualitative and quantitative sustainability indicators designed for the local Sicilian context. It demonstrates Tasca d'Almerita's commitment to pursuing growth that is environmentally friendly, socially equitable and economically effective.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A B CORP?

B Corp is a corporate certification where B stands for Benefit – BENEFIT FOR ALL. Being a B(enefit) Corp is akin to "being a benevolent friend," contributing to the well-being of all. It functions as the ideal companion, extending care to everyone. B Corps are businesses that generate positive impacts on society overall—embracing people, communities, customers, and the planet—rather than focusing solely on profits for shareholders.

To attain certification, companies are required to assess the impact of their decisions across five key areas:



IN 2023 TASCA D'ALMERITA ALSO BECAME A CERTIFIED B CORP

With this certification, Tasca d'Almerita officially becomes part of a global movement of companies committed to **promoting an inclusive, fair, and regenerative economy.**



Being a Benefit Corporation means constantly striving for the common good, creating benefits and caring for living beings and the planet with noble and selfless gestures.



WORKERS

CUSTOMERS

GOVERNANCE

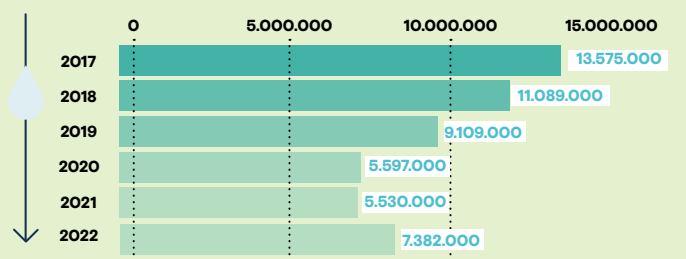
ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNITY

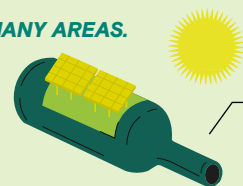


THANKS TO SOSTAIN, TASCA D'ALMERITA HAS REDUCED ITS IMPACT IN MANY AREAS. HERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR

Since 2016, Tasca d'Almerita has calculated the VIVA program's indices on a company scale: **Carbon Footprint, Water Footprint, Vineyard, and Territory.** It met all the program's requirements, including saving 6,193,000 litres of water compared to 2017 numbers.



FROM 2017 TO 2022 - 6.193.000 LITRES OF WATER



609,170 KWH

Of electricity saved thanks to the use of solar panels, compared to 2017

SAFETY FIRST



1 number of accident in 2022

ABOUT BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

29%

of the total area is dedicated to pastures arable land, olive groves, woods, lakes, streams, and uncultivated areas

71%

of the total land area of the estates is dedicated to viticulture

