

SOGRAPE WITH CERTIFIED SUSTAINABILITY IN EVERY PORTUGUESE REGION WHERE IT PRODUCES WINE

The largest Portuguese wine company was certified by the National Reference for Sustainability Certification in the Wine Sector

Press Release, 22 December 2023 – Sogrape has reached a significant benchmark with the Sustainability Certification awarded by ViniPortugal. This remarkable recognition highlights the ongoing efforts of the company in promoting responsible practices, while representing an important step within the scope of its Global Sustainability Approach, *Seed the Future*.

The National Reference for Sustainability Certification in the Wine Sector, created by the IVV (Portuguese Vineyard and Wine Institute) in association with ViniPortugal, aims to represent a commitment by the Portuguese producers towards a sustainable production, as well as a guarantee of credibility and trustworthiness for Portuguese wines in the international markets.

Defined by its national scope, inclusivity, simplicity and credibility, the National Reference for Sustainability Certification in the Wine Sector is a transparent and independent process based in audits carried out by credited certification bodies. The audits assess the sustainable management of the organization, to which the right to bear the seal is conceded, thus demonstrating the commitment of the producers towards the sustainable production of quality wines.

The Reference touches every area within sustainability, distributed by 86 different environmental, social, and economic indicators, with every Sogrape's department, as well as over 30 facilities involved in a strict audit executed by the company Certis.

The photovoltaic energy production, efficient water resources management, and biodiversity conservation initiatives stand out, as well as the promotion of a moderate and responsible wine consumption, and also the support provided to local communities. Sogrape's investments in Research & Development and continued collaboration with leading scientific institutions were also important to this result.

“Sustainability is deep-rooted in our DNA and our history, and we have always been committed in conducting our activity in a responsible manner, with the future in mind, and by managing our business with a long-term vision”, says Mafalda Guedes, fourth generation of the founding family and Corporate Communications & Sustainability Manager at Sogrape.

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She adds that “this distinction is the recognition of the work we have been developing in Sustainability, within the scope of the Seed the Future programme, and it motivates us even further to remain focused in creating a sustainable planet for future generations, as well as in ensuring that wine and its culture can be preserved for those who follow us.”

About Sogrape

Founded in 1942 by Fernando Van Zeller Guedes, Sogrape was born to demonstrate the quality of Portuguese wines to the world. From a single winery in the Douro Region, focused in producing Mateus Rosé, this family company has become global, with presence in more than 120 markets, owning c. 1,600 hectares of vineyards in Portugal, Spain, Chile, Argentina, and New Zealand.

Moved by the purpose of *bringing Friendship and Happiness to everyone it touches through its wonderful wines*, the family spirit and the peak performing team culture lived at Sogrape are key in the successful path that it has been building for over 80 years.

Under the leadership of Fernando da Cunha Guedes, current President and 3rd generation of the founding family, the leading company in Portugal aims to spread Sograpiness through the world and be affirmed as a catalyst for positive societal change, respecting the limits of the planet in the construction of a more sustainable and inclusive future.