



DISCLOSURE MATERIALS

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire and B Lab deems them to be material, the company must:

- 1) Be transparent about the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue.
- 3) Demonstrate that management systems are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to background checks by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company.

Certified



Corporation

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE

Company Name: Tasca d'Almerita

Date Submitted: 03/28/2023

Industries & Products	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any the following. Select Yes for all options that apply.		
Animal Products or Services		√
Biodiversity Impacts	√	
Chemicals		√
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		√
Disclosure Alcohol	√	
Disclosure Firearms Weapons		√
Disclosure Mining		√
Disclosure Pornography		√
Disclosure Tobacco		√
Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries		√
Fossil fuels		√
Gambling		√
Genetically Modified Organisms		√
Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out		√
Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations		√
Monoculture Agriculture		√
Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials		√
Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending		√
Water Intensive Industries	√	
Tax Advisory Services		√

Supply Chain Disclosures	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers.		
Business in Conflict Zones		√
Child or Forced Labor		√
Negative Environmental Impact		√
Negative Social Impact		√
Other		√

Outcomes & Penalties	True	False
Please indicate if the company has had any formal complaint to a regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the past five years for any of the following practices or policies. Check all that apply.		
Anti-Competitive Behavior		√
Breaches of Confidential Information		√
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		√
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		√
Company has filed for bankruptcy		√
Consumer Protection		√
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		√
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		√
Labor Issues		√
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		√
Litigation or Arbitration		√
On-Site Fatality		√
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		√
Political Contributions or International Affairs		√
Recalls		√
Significant Layoffs		√
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		√
Other		√

Practices	True	False
Please indicate if the following statements are true regarding whether or not the company engages in the following practices. Check all that apply. If the statement is true, select "Yes." If false, select "No."		
Animal Testing		√
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		√
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		√
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		√
Company workers are prisoners		√
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		√
Confirmation of Right to Work		√
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		√
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		√
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems	√	
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		√
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		√
No signed employment contracts for all workers		√
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		√
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		√
Sale of Data		√
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		√
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		√
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		√
Workers paid below minimum wage		√
Workers Under Bond		√
Other		√



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PROVIDED BY: **Tasca d'Almerita** UPDATED AS OF: **03/28/2023**

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Environmentally Intensive Industries
TOPIC	Biodiversity Impact and Monoculture Agriculture
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	As a vineyard and winery, Tasca d'Almerita operates in an industry in which biodiversity impact and mono culture agriculture are material environmental issues.
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	69% of the land under the company's control is cultivated as a vineyard, 13% is cultivated with other crops such as olive groves, almond groves, vegetable gardens, and 17% is uncultivated. Approximately 7% of cultivated land is planted or re-planted each year. The uncultivated land is not subject to human actions. In some particular situations, for example when there are summer fire hazards, Tasca carries out cleaning operations, shredding the grass or cleaning the undergrowth.
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDERS	Agriculture, particularly in cases where a single crop is cultivated at a time, poses a risk to local ecosystems of flora and fauna as well as the potential degradation of cultivated land.
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	<p>Tasca d'Almerita is SOStain certified, a sustainability program for Sicilian viticulture, requiring companies to carry out an analysis of the presence of biodiversity comparing land planted with vines and land without vines. The earthworms, terrestrial invertebrates, pollinators and butterfly species analyzed in the company's certification meet the minimum threshold, whereby there is presence of over 30% of these species on the company's land planted with vines.</p> <p>Tasca d'Almerita intends to keep all the marginal and uncultivated areas that arise near the estates where it operates unchanged, not using any of them for the cultivation of vines, but making them places of conservation of biodiversity.</p> <p>In the Tascante estate, on Etna, where out of a total of about 35 hectares, 12 are represented by natural areas with biodiversity presence, the company plans to carry out the following interventions by 2023 with the aim of increasing the level of biodiversity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of bug hotels • Planting a vegetable garden • The installation of Sicilian black bee hives
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DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Environmentally Intensive Industries
TOPIC	Water Intensive Industries
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	As a vineyard and winery, Tasca d'Almerita operates in an industry that is water intensive. Aspects of the industry that make it water intensive include irrigation used in the cultivation of vines, water used in the wine making process (e.g.. for cleaning tanks and barrels), and water used in the bottling process.
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the previous fiscal year, 94,61% of Tasca d'Almerita's revenue was earned from the sale of wine. 21 % of the company's vineyards are irrigated with relief irrigation only. In Tasca d'Almerita winery and bottling operations the company's average ratio of Liters of water used per liter of wine produced 2,90 Liters of water per liter of wine.
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDERS	As water intensive industries, agriculture and wine production poses risks such as water stress or depletion of local water sources if water use is not appropriately managed.
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	All the waste water from the winery and the agriturismo facility of the Regaleali Estate is collected by a biodepuration plant. The water used in the winery comes from three sources of fresh water, while the municipal water supply provides water to the farmhouse. The water treated by the plant, together with rainwater and water from soil drainage, flows into the Regaleali stream. From the stream, the waters flow from a catchment area (prelake), which allows the sediment to settle, into a large lake whose water is used for the irrigation of the vineyards. The waters used in the winery of the Sallier de La Tour Estate also flow into a purification plant and then feed one of the three lakes of the estate. The company aims to reduce total water consumption by 5% per year. The company uses as a benchmark the average data on water consumption of the wineries participating in VIVA - the sustainability program for Italian viticulture promoted by the Ministry of the Environment. As part of the SOSTain sustainability program, to which the company adheres, a Scientific Committee has drawn up some guidelines for the sustainable management of water resources in viticulture. Among the good practices indicated in the guidelines in order to preserve water quality and reduce any point and diffuse pollution from pesticides and fertilizers, the company implements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of buffer strips • Use of hedges of perennials • Use of inter-row grassing • Crop water balance
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DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Alcohol
TOPIC	Company produces alcohol products
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	Tasca d'Almerita is a winery that earns a material amount of reveue from the sale of alcohol
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	In the previous fiscal year, 97% of Tasca d'Almerita revenue was earned from the sale of alcohol
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDERS	Alcohol may have a negative impact on the health and well-being of individuals and their communities
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	The company complies with all of the regulations and laws related to the sale of alcohol in the jurisdictions where they operate, however Tasca does not employ any best practices or voluntary efforts related to the responsible consumption of alcohol.



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DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems
TOPIC	Company's vineyards are located in protected areas
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	<p>One of the Tasca d'Almerita Estates, specifically the Tascante Estate, is located within Etna Park, an environment of great naturalistic interest from a geological, floristic-vegetational, and faunal point of view. The international value of the territory in question has been highlighted by its recognition by UNESCO, in the World Heritage List as a "Natural Site".</p> <p>Another of the Tasca d'Almerita Estates, the Capofaro Estate, is located in Salina, on the Aeolian Islands, one of the richest biodiversity hotspots in Italy. The vegetation of the Aeolian Islands consists mainly of species typical of the Mediterranean region. There are a total of 900 plant species, including four endemic species. The interesting feature of the fauna of the Aeolian archipelago is the presence of European continental species. About 40 bird species have been recorded, of which 10 have been included in the Sicilian Red List of endangered bird species. Even the Aeolian Islands have been awarded UNESCO recognition, which has included them in the List of World Heritage Sites. Protected by the European Habitats and Birds Directives, all the islands, apart from Lipari, are fully or partially designated as nature reserves.</p>
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	10% of the company's vineyards are located in protected areas near Etna's volcano and other UNESCO areas
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDERS	<p>Having facilities located inside/near protected/sensitive ecosystems could potentially impact the flora, fauna and quality of the ecosystem (e.g. noise & light pollution from the facilities, spills, air / soil / water pollution owing to company's operations).</p> <p>Specifically for the company's activity, there are risks of soil erosion, loss of biodiversity due to viticulture, depletion of the soil and pollution if the company's operations are not properly managed.</p>
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maintenance of biodiversity in the Tenute Tasca d'Almerita is ensured by the diversification of cultivation, which promotes the biodiversity of flora and fauna and safeguards the centuries-old territorial tradition. For this reason, Tasca dedicates 70% of the total area to viticulture, while the remaining percentage of the area is dedicated to pastures, arable land, olive groves, forests, lakes and streams and areas not cultivated. • Tasca d'Almerita does not practice chemical weeding in any of its Estates because the long-term application of herbicides generates a reduction in soil biodiversity. In addition, the improper use of weeding could cause pollution of the environment and water. • In order to preserve and increase the physical, chemical and microbiological fertility of the soil, all the vineyards of all the Tasca d'Almerita estates are grassy during the winter, with annual and perennial species. The grass limits the surface flow of rainwater on the ground, counteracting erosion, or crumbling due mainly to weathering (wind, rain, etc.). It also helps to maintain the organic substance in the soil, improving the fertility and habitability of the soil fauna (earthworms and invertebrates).
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