

## **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.



## DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE

Company Name: Perlage Winery Date Submitted: 02/18/2020

Industries & Products	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company is involved in p following. Select Yes for all options that apply.	roduction of or trac	de in any the
Animal Products or Services		V
Biodiversity Impacts	$\sqrt{}$	
Chemicals		V
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		V
Disclosure Alcohol	V	
Disclosure Firearms Weapons		V
Disclosure Mining		V
Disclosure Pornography		V
Disclosure Tobacco		V
Energy and Emissions Intensive Industries		V
Fossil fuels		√
Gambling		<b>V</b>
Genetically Modified Organisms		√
Illegal Products or Subject to Phase Out		√
Industries at Risk of Human Rights Violations		V
Monoculture Agriculture		√
Nuclear Power or Hazardous Materials		V
Payday, Short Term, or High Interest Lending		V
Water Intensive Industries	√	
Other		V
Supply Chain Disclosures	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statemen	nts are true regard	ing your
company's significant suppliers. Business in Conflict Zones	1	
Child or Forced Labor		γ
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Other		V
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Outcomes & Penalties	True	False
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agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the		years for any o
the following practices or policies. Check all that a Anti-Competitive Behavior	рріу.	1 2/
Breaches of Confidential Information		N N
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		N N
Company Explanation Of Disclosure Item Flags		N N
Company has filed for bankruptcy		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
Consumer Protection		- V
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N N
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N N
Labor Issues		N N
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
Litigation or Arbitration		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
On-Site Fatality		N N
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		√ √
Political Contributions or International Affairs		
Recalls		N N
Significant Layoffs		N N
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		- N
Other		- V
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## **B Corp Certification - Disclosure Questionnaire Documentation**

PROVIDED BY: Perlage Winery

UPDATED AS OF: 02/18/2020

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Environmentally-Intensive Industry
TOPIC	Biodiversity Impact and Monoculture Agriculture
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	As a vineyard and winery, Perlage Winery operates in an industry in which biodiversity impact and monoculture agriculture are material environmental issues.
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	The company controls 16 hectares of land cultivated as vineyard (14 hectares) and as wood (2 hectares). The vineyard is wholly cultivated applying organic viticulture method.
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDER(S)	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	- The land we control is cultivated adopting the Organic viticulture method which follows the EU regulation 848/18. Thanks to the organic method, we aims to keep an high level of biodiversity in our land: we use natural fertilizers like compost, we don't use chemicals as pesticides, a part of land is a woodland. The use of compost as fertilizer increases the amount of nutrients in the soil while improving the water retention and minimizing the soil erosion. The presence of a part of woodland promotes the biodiversity while increasing the soil stability.

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Environmentally-Intensive Industry
TOPIC	Water Intensive Industries
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	As a vineyard and winery, Perlage Winery 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 winemaking 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)	The vineyard under our control doesn't need irrigation thanks to organic agricultural practices put in place. The average liters of water used per liter of wine produced in our winery is: 3,41 L
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDER(S)	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.  Water from the municipal grid is used. All the water used by our winery is treated by company's
	wastewater treatment plant (MBR plant); waste water undergoes regular sample analys respecting the emission limits.
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	Perlage puts in practice different measures aiming to a reduction of water use: presence of "volumetric meters" at each entry water points of the winery; cleaning practices and an automatic bottling plant which save water; yearly assessment and recording of the water used per wine produced. We conducted an assessment of water use in the winery, looking at different processes which contributed to this field. The results were positive as we performed well respect to the average italian water consumption.



DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Alcohol
TOPIC	Company produces alcohol products
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	Perlage Winery 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)	Perlage's revenue wholly derived from the sales of wine
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDER(S)	Alcohol may have a negative impact on the health and well-being of individuals and their communities
IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES	1) Perlage complies with all the regulations and laws related to the sale of alcohol in the jurisdictions where it operates. In particular it follows the rules in: wine labelling (Production Disciplinary of wines with the designation of origin like DOCG, DOC and IGT; Council Regulation (EC) 491/2009; Laws 61/2010); export sales, respect of excise duty (Law 504/1995; Directive 2008/118/CE) and licence from Agency of customs; sale to minors (Law 158/2012).
OTHER MANAGEMENT COMMENTS	2) The company uses to organize and offer public wine tasting aimed to share a responsible consumption and awareness about the characteristics of our organic wines; Perlage includes in its wine labels a logo which recommends women to not drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy because of the risk of birth defetcs; the organic wine produced by Perlage have less content of sulphites however their presence is indicated in our wine labels (Directive 2003/89/EC); furthermore we produce a wine with no sulphites added which promotes the wellness of both consumers and environment.

DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY	Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems
TOPIC	1) Perlage operates very close to Prosecco HIlls which were recently proclaimed an UNESCO World Heritage Site; therefore the vineyards, forests, and rural landscape must be preserved without applying any harmful activities.
SUMMARY OF ISSUE	2) The protection of the rural landscape: rules of the Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG that favour the maintenance of the vineyards, ciglioni and other attributes.
	Protection of agricultural rural landscapes: nomination in the the National Register of Historical Rural Landscapes, a programme developed by the Ministry of Agriculture
	Protection of forest vegetation: the forest restrictions included in the National Code for Cultural Heritage, as well as by the management plan of the Site of Community Interest (SCI) of the EU Natura 2000 network applicable to the area.
	Protection of buildings of historical and monumental value: Codice dei Beni Culturali e del Paesaggio (Cultural Heritage and Landscape Code) issued by Legislative Decree No. 42, 22 January 2004, along with all public buildings, state property and church-owned buildings that are more than 50 years old.
SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	3) Our facility is very close to Prosecco Hills (100% of company's production occurs in a facility which is close to Prosecco Hills)
IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDER(S)	4) Our potential environmental risks could be in terms of gaseous emissions, plastic emissions and water footprint.



## IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES

5) Due to the proximity to Prosecco Hills, we have in place a series of practices: a) we're constantly engaged in sharing all the benefits of organic agriculture in terms of environmental impact of vineyards, biodiversity and natural resources. We participate to a lot of seminars, conferences and public meetings about this topic. Our long term project would be the realization of a BioDistrict; b) we're collaborating with a Secondary school in a project called "Plastic free in Vineyard" aimed to assess the plastic used in the vineyard of Prosecco Hills, looking for reducing practices. In this way, we are going to reduce the environmental impact of our supply chain; c) we produce part of our electric energy with PV panels, avoiding CO2 emissions; d) all of our grapes suppliers are organic certified so they carry out some practices that already safeguard the environment and the rural landscape of this area. d) we monitor our water consumption.