



## 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: BLB VIGNOBLES  
Date Submitted: 12/20/2022

| 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 |
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| 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  |      | √     |



## B Corp Certification - Disclosure Questionnaire Documentation

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| <b>DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE CATEGORY</b>  | Environmentally Intensive Industries   |
| <b>TOPIC</b>  | Biodiversity Impact and Monoculture Agriculture  |
| <b>SUMMARY OF ISSUE</b>   | As a vineyard and winery, BLB VIGNOBLES operates in an industry in which biodiversity impact and monoculture agriculture are material environmental issues.  |
| <b>"SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)"</b> | <p>"In the previous fiscal year, 99% BLB VIGNOBLES revenue was earned from the sale of wine</p> <p>25.6% of the land under the company's control is cultivated as vineyard, 18.2% of land is permanent grassland, 8.4% is temporary grassland and the remaining 35% is forest and scrubland"</p>   |
| <b>IMPACT ON STAKEHOLDER(S)</b>   | 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.   |
| <b>IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES</b>  | <p>"The steps the company has taken to monitor and manage the impact on biodiversity are the following:</p> <p>In parallel with permanent grassing, the company is developing temporary grassing with species with high biomass having a vegetative cycle offset from that of the vine. Thus, for temporary grass the vineyard is using faba bean covers which capture nitrogen from the air and enrich the soil. The roots of the bean also have a strong restructuring power. The company is also moving towards sowing a mixture of species by integrating grasses and crucifers in addition to legumes. The mixtures make it possible to combine the advantages of each species and offer adaptability according to the different types of soil. The company also has areas of 100% grassed olive trees that are let develop with a minimum of human intervention.</p> <p>The company has the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum 50% permanent grass cover in the vineyard</li> <li>- Reducing the plowed surfaces</li> <li>- Reducing chemically weeded areas for an TFI (Treatment Frequency Indicator) herbicide less than 0.4</li> </ul> <p>Biodiversity monitoring has been the subject of external interventions, audits and participation in groups:</p> <p>A biodiversity audit was carried out by Les Écologistes de l'Euzière in 2018. This work identifies the species of fauna and flora present on the estate. Thus, at the level of the avifauna, 9 heritage species have been prospected including short-toed eagle, harrier, European roller, red-headed shrike, European bee-eaters, black kite, lesser scops owl, passerine warbler, orphea warbler, hoopoe. In terms of amphibians, the marbled newt was observed on one of the ponds. In terms of reptiles, 2 heritage species were observed, a lizard, the Algerian psammophryne and a turtle, the European pond turtle. At the level of mammals, 7 species of chiroptera could be contacted on the estate. The various habitats of the estate are used for hunting, potentially for wintering, resting or breeding. At the level of the spangles, proserpina was observed with its host plant aristolochia pistolochia. In terms of flora, two heritage plants were observed, striped rush and grass-leaved daisies.</p> |

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In parallel, an identification of the natural habitats of the estate was carried out which shows the mosaic of the occupation of the ground. Thus, there are nearly 20 natural, semi-natural or anthropogenic habitats: bushy scrubland, holm oak matorrals, Aleppo pine forests, riparian ash forest, wooded parkland, meadow, wet meadow, wasteland, dry wasteland, grassy olive groves, grassy vines, ploughing, crops, floating rooted meadows, aquatic meadows of Characeae, low reedbeds.

The company participates in the Agricultural biodiversity observatory. This observatory measures intra-plot biodiversity using 4 standardized protocols. This follows the bees, invertebrates, butterflies and earthworm protocol. This approach was carried out in partnership with the SupAgro school in Montpellier.

Payment for Environmental Services: the company adheres to this local approach, the objective of which is to maintain good agricultural and environmental practices over time. The actions concern the maintenance and creation of hedges, the control of nitrogenous inputs, the reduction of weedkillers and the development of weeds in the vines.

The company has created an agroforestry committee to have a local expert view of these biodiversity issues. Made up of 3 people from outside the company, the crop manager and the owners, it is called upon to help choose the actions to be taken, the trees and shrubs to be planted.

The company has chosen an integrated farming approach aka reasoned cultivation method which requires intensive observation of the vineyard with consideration of the weather. The company has its own Head of Culture trained in biodiversity issues. Training is provided by the Hérault Chamber of Agriculture, the CIVAM network, the La Belle Vigne network

The company use a recuperative panel sprayer to reduce pesticide doses and reduce losses to the ground and to the air. The saving is 25% of products over one year. The company call on an independent expert to monitor the vines in season.

The company has the HVE3 certification (High Environmental Value). It also has the Terra Vitis label. These certifications impose conditions favorable to biodiversity.