



Australian Vintage

Disclosure Report

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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 that B Lab deems relevant for public stakeholders, then, as a condition of their certification, the company must:

- 1) Be transparent about details of 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 practices are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future, when necessary.

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

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to a background check 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

Industries and Products

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

Outcomes & Penalties

	Yes	No
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Breaches of Confidential Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company has filed for bankruptcy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consumer Protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Labor Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Litigation or Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
On-Site Fatality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Political Contributions or International Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recalls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Significant Layoffs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Practices

	Yes	No
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company workers are prisoners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Confirmation of Right to Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No signed employment contracts for all workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No
Sale of Data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers paid below minimum wage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workers Under Bond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child or Forced Labor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negative Environmental Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negative Social Impact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Environmentally Intensive Industries - Water Intensive Industries

Topic	Water Intensive Industries
Summary of Issue	Australian Vintage operates in an industry in which water use is a material issue. Aspects of the industry that make it water intensive include, irrigation used in the cultivation of vines, and water used in the winemaking (e.g. cleaning equipment) and bottling processes.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	87% of the company's revenue is generated from the sale of alcoholic beverages.
Impact on Stakeholders	<p>As water intensive industries, agriculture and wine production poses risks such as water stress or depletion of local water sources if usage is not appropriately managed.</p> <p>The Company makes use of water from the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, apart from the Adelaide Hills that uses ground water. Water is metered and they only use what they have a license for and what they pay for. The Company's operations are not located in a water stressed region. Some of the vineyards are located in microclimates that are drier, requiring more intensive irrigation.</p>
Implemented Management Practices	<p>Australian Vintage is actively adopting more sustainable and water-efficient practices, including the use of precision irrigation systems to determine soil moisture levels before irrigating, compost applications and the selection of drought-resistant rootstock varieties when replanting.</p> <p>Australian Vintage has no formal water reduction targets yet. They are conscious of water use, utilizing only what is necessary to maintain crop levels. The company works within the Sustainable Winegrowing Australia framework to monitor and maximize their water use efficiency, and collaborate with growers to support, educate and implement more sustainable practices. Sustainable Winegrowing Australia, is a nationally recognised program that supports the Australian wine industry in improving its environmental performance and demonstrating its sustainability credentials.</p>



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Monoculture Agriculture and Biodiversity

Topic	Monoculture Agriculture and Biodiversity
Summary of Issue	As an Australian grape grower and producer of wine and drinks, Australian Vintage operates in an industry in which monoculture agriculture and biodiversity impact are material environmental issues.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	Total land area controlled by Australian Vintage is 3376.2 ha, 78.1% is cultivated and planted to vineyards totalling 2638 ha.
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 Management Practices	<p>Australian Vintage practices active bushfire reduction strategies minimizing undergrowth and implementing fire breaks, when there is no intense bushfire risk, the bushland is left untouched.</p> <p>Where possible, cover crops are planted in the vineyard inter-rows. The permanent cover crop and natural sward is slashed to keep the risk of frost damage and bushfire down and also improve nitrogen in the soil.</p> <p>Regular soil samples and leaf petiole analyses are conducted to determine the application requirements for fertilizers and compost used in owned and managed vineyards. A mix of synthetic and natural fertilizers are currently used and pesticides are applied based on the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) Log Book guidelines and are adapted according to the season.</p> <p>Australian Vintage's vineyards and winery are certified with Sustainable Winegrowing Australia, individual action plans are in place to enhance biodiversity, restore flora and fauna, improve soil health and reduce water and waste. In addition to their owned and managed sites, Australian Vintage supports</p>

and collaborates with growers to gain Sustainable Winegrowing Australia certification and improve their farm health.



Disclosure Questionnaire Statement

Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Alcohol

Topic	Company produces alcohol products
Summary of Issue	Australian Vintage is an organization that earns a material amount of revenue from the sale of alcohol
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	87% of the company's revenue is generated from the sale of alcoholic beverages.
Impact on Stakeholders	Alcohol may have a negative impact on the health and well-being of individuals and their communities.
Implemented Management Practices	<p>Australian Vintage complies with all of the regulations and laws related to the sale of alcohol in the jurisdictions where we operate and sell alcoholic products.</p> <p>Annually Australian Vintage donates a portion of sales revenue to fund education and awareness of responsible alcohol consumption through partnerships with DrinkWise in Australia and Drinks Trust and Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAP) in the UK. The company also has an extensive no and low alcohol portfolio and varied pack sizes including individual serves to aid moderation.</p> <p>Internally, Australian Vintage regularly conducts training to improve alcohol awareness, topics include consumption, moderation, applicable laws and regulations and responsible advertising. People managers and sales staff are supported to gain their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certification and Wine and Spirits Education Trust (WSET) certification. Australian Vintage cellar doors also have appropriate signage on the sale and consumption of alcohol as per the state or territory laws. Consumer facing staff are empowered to refuse service to anyone they deem to be underage or intoxicated.</p> <p>Australian Vintage brand websites require birth years to gain access to the site with access denied if under eighteen years of age. Their alcoholic products are only sold in venues with government issued liquor licenses. All advertisements using people require models to be over 25 years of age.</p>



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