OUR sustainability INITIATIVES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

• Developed water reduction plans in wineries and vineyards.
• Replaced wooden treated posts with recyclable metal vineyard posts.
• Reduced herbicide use on suitable vineyards using alternative under vine treatments.
• Increased use of wide track vehicles to reduce soil compaction.
• Implemented tree planting initiative to plant native trees at a rate of one tree per hectare of planted vineyard.
• Reduce landfill by enforcing compost, recyclable and landfill separation of all office waste.
• Actively compost food scraps with worm farms on site.
• Actively engage with suppliers to reduce packaging inputs.
• Fruit is destemmed in the field; reducing cartage to the winery, cartage of waste from the winery, and leaving organic matter on the vineyard.
• Replaced all winery lighting with LED lights.
• Designed new office building using latest energy saving principles.
• Reduce energy and water use through press efficiencies.
• Invested in technology to improve traceability in barrel management and minimized wine loss.
• Implemented a new barrel racking system to withstand seismic activity prevalent in New Zealand.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY + COMMUNITY

• Winery provides scholarship funding for tertiary students.
• Cadet program to give training, and both winery and vineyard exposure to industry newcomers.
• Constellation Brands New Zealand completed more than 50 health and safety projects in FY18.
• Participation in community initiatives: local wetland restoration and feral pest trapping to revitalize native bird numbers.

CERTIFICATIONS + AWARDS

• Sustainable Wine Growers New Zealand
• Participate in a voluntary SWNZ Continuous Improvement Program

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