



Spottswoode Winery and VSPT Wine Group Achieve IWCA Gold Membership

Leading wineries Spottswoode (California, USA) and VSPT Wine Group (Chile) have gained IWCA's prestigious Gold Member status.



SANTA ROSA, CALIF. & VILAFRANCA DEL PENEDES, SPAIN. (13 February 2023) – [International Wineries for Climate Action \(IWCA\)](#) is proud to announce that two of its members – Spottswoode Winery (California, USA) and VSPT Wine Group (Chile) – have achieved Gold Member status. Both were among the first wineries to join IWCA in 2019, when the organization was founded. Spottswoode Winery and VSPT Wine Group bring the total number of IWCA Gold Members to five, alongside Alma Carraovejas (Spain), Familia Torres (Spain), and Jackson Family Wines (California, USA).

Their achievement of IWCA Gold Membership is a result of both wineries completing the organization's rigorous standards for climate action, including conducting regular third-party verified greenhouse gas emissions inventories across Scopes 1, 2, and 3; ensuring that at least 20% of their winemaking operations are powered by onsite renewable energy; and demonstrating a consistent reduction of emissions per liter of wine. As IWCA Members, the wineries have committed to becoming Net Zero by 2050 across Scopes 1, 2, and 3 and meeting intermediate targets by 2030 in alignment with the United Nations' Race to Zero campaign, of which IWCA is a Partner.



Commenting on attaining Gold Membership, Beth Novak Milliken, President and CEO at [Spottswoode Winery](#) said, “Since joining IWCA in 2019 our ambition has been to achieve Gold Membership. Our commitment to the health of our natural environment runs deep, from our organic, biodynamic, and regenerative organic certifications, to being a B Corp since 2021 and 1% for the Planet members since 2007, to being close to 100% solar powered, and so much more. IWCA is an amazing organization, using science to measure our greenhouse gas emissions and ensuring that each member winery decreases its footprint over time. We in the winegrowing world have every reason to do all we can to be responsible stewards of our environment, both through direct action and through inspiring others, as the future of our industry is at risk due to climate change.”

Carolina Gotuzzo, Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Director, at [VSPT Wine Group](#), shared, “VSPT Wine Group is honored by this recognition of our efforts. We are a large group with complex processes and operations in the most renowned valleys in Chile and Argentina. Being an IWCA Gold Member certainly encourages us to continue making progress on this great challenge of climate change, which involves commitment from all those who are part of VSPT and the value chain. The recognition lends a sense of urgency to our continued efforts to improve and innovate regarding our decarbonization strategy by setting increasingly ambitious, challenging goals from the vineyard to the bottle. We hope to inspire others to join.”

Charlotte Hey, Executive Director of IWCA said, “Congratulations to our newest Gold Members. Our rigorous, science-aligned certification is the leading standard in the industry for wineries who are serious about climate action. Spottswoode Winery and VSPT Wine Group’s persevering efforts to reduce their emissions have paid off and we are delighted that more and more wineries are pushing toward Race to Zero targets.”

Join the movement

IWCA actively invites wineries interested in its mission to [contact us](#). The organization is open to any wine company involved in the production process from winegrowing to bottling that believes in taking strategic action to accelerate innovative climate solutions.

Visit www.iwcawine.org to learn how your winery can apply to join this organization. A Spanish-language version of the website is available at es.iwcawine.org.

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Notes to editors:

About IWCA

International Wineries for Climate Action (IWCA) was founded in February 2019 by Familia Torres (Spain) and Jackson Family Wines (USA), two leading wine families deeply rooted in environmental stewardship with a passion to preserve the world’s great wine heritage in the face of climate change. IWCA is a collaborative working group that addresses climate change through innovative carbon reduction strategies. IWCA’s objective is for all members to become Net Zero by 2050 across Scopes 1-3, ensuring consistent reductions to meet intermediate targets by 2030. IWCA received the 2019 *Wine Enthusiast* Social Visionary



Wine Star Award and the 2021 *the drinks business* Best Green Initiative Award for its leadership in galvanizing collaborative climate action across the wine industry.

IWCA is a partner in the [United Nations' Race to Zero campaign](#), the largest-ever alliance committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 at the latest. IWCA, which joined the campaign in 2021, became the first facilitator and champion within the wine and agricultural industries to build momentum and support for immediate solutions that help move wine producers and vineyard owners closer to becoming climate positive.

Gold Member wineries are:

Alma Carraovejas (**Spain**), Familia Torres (**Spain**), Jackson Family Wines (**USA**), Spottswoode Estate Vineyard & Winery (**USA**), and VSPT Wine Group (**Chile**).

Silver Member wineries are:

A to Z Wineworks (**USA**), Cakebread Cellars (**USA**), Château Troplong Mondot (**France**), Constellation Brands Fine Wines U.S. (**USA**), Crimson Wine Group (**USA**), Cullen Wines (**Australia**), Emina Ribera (**Spain**), Felton Road (**New Zealand**), Gloria Ferrer (**USA**), Herència Altés (**Spain**), Medlock Ames (**USA**), Miguel Torres Chile (**Chile**), Ridge Vineyards (**USA**), Silver Oak & Twomey Cellars (**USA**), Sula Vineyards (**India**), Symington Family Estates (**Portugal**), Viña Undurraga (**Chile**), and Yealands Estate Wines (**New Zealand**).

Applicant Member wineries are:

Altolandon (**Spain**), Champagne Lanson (**France**), Compañía Vinícola del Norte de España (C.V.N.E.) (**Spain**), Domaine Lafage (**France**), Famille Perrin (**France**), Herdade dos Grous (**Portugal**), Hill-Smith Family Estates (**Australia**), Hunt Country Vineyards (**USA**), Okanagan Crush Pad (**Canada**), Piper-Heidsieck, Charles Heidsieck and Rare Champagne (**France**), Sogrape (**Portugal**), St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery (**USA**), Viñas Familia Gil (**Spain**), and Voyager Estate (**Australia**).

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