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## Sustainability report
## 2025

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Dear friends,

Anyone who makes wine knows this well: there are some things that cannot be explained by statistics or a report. You truly understand wine when you drink it together, when you look out over the hillside where it comes from, when you share a meal and a conversation. That is why, at Cascina Valle Asinari, we have chosen a simple and perhaps unconventional motto: 'No Social'. It is not a rejection of modernity.

It is a choice for authenticity. A return to sharing amongst people who come together to celebrate, to exchange ideas with that warmth that only a real-life encounter can convey.

We believe that wine is, first and foremost, about genuine connection – made up of encounters, handshakes, and bottles opened amongst friends and strangers who become friends. We believe in the slow rhythm of the land, in the seasons that mark the work in the vineyards, and in the conviviality that arises naturally when wine is brought to the table.

Our hills in San Marzano Oliveto, in the heart of Monferrato, are steeped in a long agricultural history. Here we tend our vineyards with respect and responsibility, convinced that sustainability is not just a buzzword, but a practical way of working every day. It means caring for the soil that sustains us, protecting the landscape entrusted to us, and producing wines that truthfully reflect the terroir from which they spring. It also means valuing the people who work with us and building relationships of trust with customers, suppliers and local communities.

Wine, after all, is one of the few products that is born of the earth but truly lives amongst people.

It is not just about agriculture, nor is it just about the economy: it is about culture, conviviality and shared memories.

This Sustainability Report was created in the same spirit as when we open a bottle: to share.

Sharing what we do, the choices that guide our work, the results we have achieved, but also the path we are forging. Because we believe that sustainability is, first and foremost, a collective responsibility, built together through meaningful relationships.

Our thanks go to all of you – our staff, customers, suppliers, partners and the local community.

For your trust, for the dialogue, and for all those times when, instead of a screen, we've chosen a glass of wine and a conversation.

That is where the truest meaning of our work lies.

Graziella Defilè

## -Wine is never just wine: it is a network of people who work, cultivate, tell its story and share it-

The stakeholder identification process involved the management of Cascina Valle Asinari, through an analytical process aimed at understanding and enhancing the relationships the company maintains with its local, economic and social context.
The analysis focused in particular on two main areas: the relationships the company builds with organisations operating in the local area and within the wine supply chain; the issues deemed strategic for the development of the company's activities and consistent with the values that guide the Cascina Valle Asinari project.
Through this process, the key stakeholders were identified who, directly or indirectly, influence or are influenced by the company's agricultural and production activities, the wines it produces and the way in which it operates within the local area.
Cascina Valle Asinari is committed to maintaining ongoing dialogue and relationships with each of these stakeholders, using different methods and at different times, with the aim of building relationships based on trust, transparency and shared values.

Direct engagement with stakeholders is achieved through ongoing dialogue, which takes the form of working relationships, opportunities for discussion, collaborative activities throughout the supply chain, and events aimed at promoting the wine and the local area.
In keeping with the convivial spirit that characterises the company's vision, dialogue with stakeholders prioritises direct and authentic relationships, built up over time through mutual trust and shared values.

# - The relationships that make our work possible -

| STAKEHOLDER | INTEREST/EXPECTATIONS | METHODS OF DIALOGUE |
|---|---|---|
| Ownership and Management | Business development, financial stability, promoting the local area | Strategic planning, operational management |
| Staff and technical advisers | Professional collaboration, quality of work, shared objectives | Operational relations, technical meetings |
| Suppliers and subcontractors | Transparent business relationships, continuity of partnerships | Contracts, operational meetings, management of agricultural activities |
| Customers and distributors | Wine quality, reliability, regional identity | Business relations, tastings, meetings |
| Consumers | Product authenticity, quality, and an enjoyable wine experience | Tastings, events, direct interactions |
| Local community | Landscape conservation, regional development, positive relationships | Regional relations, local partnerships |
| Public bodies and regulatory authorities | Regulatory compliance, adherence to industry standards | Institutional communications, audits |
| Consortia and sector organisations | Promoting wine appellations, developing the wine-growing region | Participation in sector-related initiatives and activities |
| Environment and local area | Soil conservation, biodiversity, responsible resource management | Sustainable farming practices |

## - The things that really matter -

The materiality analysis aims to identify the sustainability issues most relevant to Cascina Valle Asinari and its stakeholders, in order to understand the environmental, social and economic aspects that are most significant for the winery and the context in which it operates.The process was carried out by senior management through an analysis of the business context, the characteristics of the wine sector and the main relationships the winery maintains with its stakeholders throughout the production and supply chain.
The following factors were taken into account:

- the winery's strategic priorities;
- the characteristics of the wine production model;
- the expectations of the main stakeholders;
- the sector's sustainability standards;
- the principles of the GRI standards;
- the requirements of the Equalitas standard.

The analysis also took into account the potential and actual impacts of the company's activities in relation to issues such as:

- sustainable vineyard management;
- product quality and safety;
- protection of the local area and the wine-growing landscape;
- use of resources;
- supply chain relationships;
- environmental sustainability and management transparency;
- improvement initiatives.

## - The things that really matter -

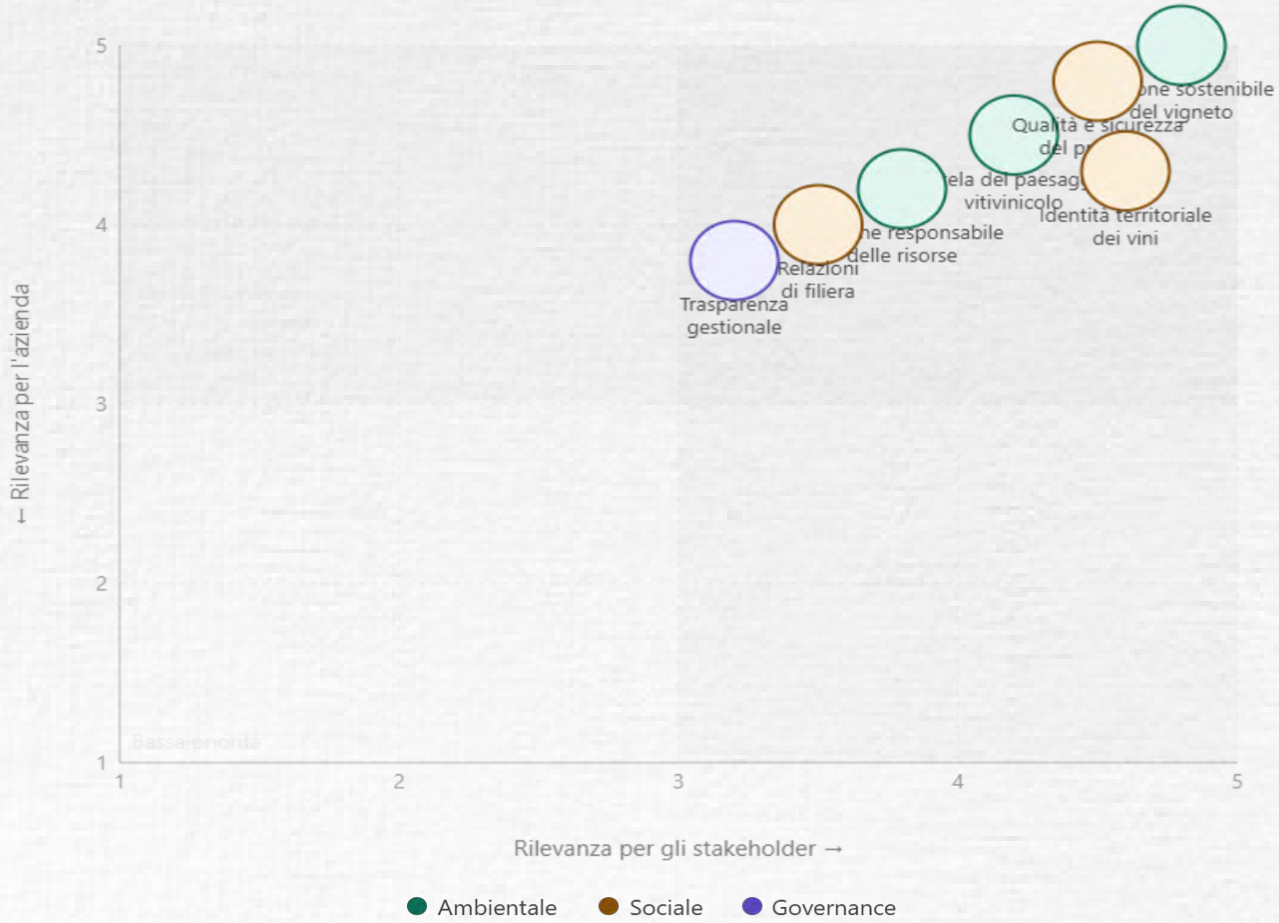
The assessment process was developed during the first half of 2025, through a study of the key stakeholders who, in various capacities, are involved in the life of the company and its production chain.
During the analysis, management gathered observations, concerns and assessment criteria that emerged from ongoing dialogue with agronomists and oenologists, as well as with contractors and production partners involved in agricultural and processing activities, but also through day-to-day interactions with customers, distributors, technical consultants and local organisations.

For Cascina Valle Asinari, sustainability cannot be defined solely in terms of data or technical indicators; rather, it also stems from the ability to listen to the relationships that develop around the vineyard, the wine and the local area in which the winery operates.
The information gathered was subsequently analysed by the management team in order to identify and prioritise the issues deemed most relevant to the winery's sustainable development, assessing them both in terms of their importance to stakeholders and their strategic relevance to Cascina Valle Asinari.
The outcome of this process is set out in the following materiality matrix, which highlights the aspects considered most significant for the company's present and future and serves as a reference for the preparation of the Sustainability Report and for the definition of future improvement initiatives.

# - Material themes at Cascina Valle Asinari -

| DIMENSIONE ESG | TEMA MATERIALE | IMPATTO PRINCIPALE | GRI CORRELATI | SDG CORRELATI |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ambientale | **Gestione sostenibile del vigneto** | Riduzione degli impatti agricoli e tutela dell'ecosistema | GRI 302, GRI 303, GRI 304 | SDG 6, SDG 12, SDG 15 |
| Ambientale | **Tutela del paesaggio vitivinicolo** | Conservazione del territorio e della biodiversità | GRI 304 | SDG 15 |
| Ambientale | **Gestione responsabile delle risorse** | Riduzione dei consumi e degli impatti ambientali | GRI 302, GRI 303, GRI 306 | SDG 6, SDG 12, SDG 13 |
| Sociale | **Qualità e sicurezza del prodotto** | Tutela del consumatore e conformità normativa | GRI 416 | SDG 3, SDG 12 |
| Sociale | **Relazioni di filiera** | Rafforzamento della trasparenza e continuità operativa | GRI 2-6, GRI 308, GRI 414 | SDG 8, SDG 12 |
| Sociale | **Identità territoriale dei vini** | Valorizzazione del patrimonio agricolo locale | GRI 203 | SDG 11, SDG 12 |
| Governance | **Trasparenza gestionale** | Miglioramento della governance e credibilità aziendale | GRI 2-9, GRI 2-23, GRI 2-24 | SDG 16 |

# - Assessment of materiality issues -



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# - Equalitas Standard -

We have chosen to undertake the Equalitas certification process, a standard that takes an integrated approach to sustainability through its three fundamental dimensions: environmental, social and economic. This report sets out Cascina Valle Asinari's performance for the period 1 January – 31 December 2025, providing a transparent account of our commitment and the results achieved. The document will be updated annually, reflecting the company's commitment to pursuing a path of continuous improvement and to achieving tangible, measurable sustainability.

Norma Equalitas rev. 5.1 – Organisation module – From vineyard management and grape production through to the processing of the grapes into bulk and bottled finished products.

**REQUISITI**

GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES IN THE VINEYARD

BEST PRACTICES FOR WINEMAKING AND BOTTLING

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BEST PRACTICES

QUALITY ASSURANCE

**ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS**

CARBON FOOTPRINT

BIODIVERSITY

WATER FOOTPRINT

# - ALIGNMENT OF THE EQUALITAS STANDAR WITH THE GOALS OF THE UN 2030 AGENDA - - (SDGS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS) -

The Equalitas Standard has been developed in line with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in the United Nations 2030 Agenda, a global programme aimed at promoting balanced development from an environmental, social and economic perspective.

The SDGs address some of the key challenges of our time, including environmental protection, reducing inequalities, combating climate change and promoting sustainable development models.

Through this Sustainability Report, Cascina Valle Asinari aims to demonstrate its commitment to these goals transparently, focusing on certain issues that are particularly relevant to its wine-making activities, the promotion of the local area and the production of quality wines that respect both the environment and the community.

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## - Our commitment -

Our mission is to produce wines that authentically express the Monferrato region, through responsible vineyard management, respect for the environment and a constant focus on product quality. We promote sustainable viticulture, geared towards protecting the landscape and the responsible use of natural resources, operating with integrity and transparency towards all those involved in the supply chain. For us, wine is an experience of connection and conviviality, celebrating the bond between the region, wine culture and people.

## - The future we want to build -

Cascina Valle Asinari's vision is to contribute to the development of the Monferrato region through sustainable viticulture and the production of wines that reflect the identity and character of their place of origin. We aim to establish, over time, a responsible production model that prioritises environmental protection, product quality and the creation of value for the local area and the wine industry. Through this approach, we seek to strengthen the bond between wine, the landscape and the community, promoting a wine culture based on authenticity, balance and conviviality.

# - Sustainability as a daily choice -

Cascina Valle Asinari is based in the heart of Monferrato, a region where vines and wine are an integral part of the agricultural history, landscape and local culture. It is within this context that the estate carries out its work, with the aim of producing authentic wines that are deeply rooted in the land from which they originate and which, in every vintage, express the character of the hills where they are grown.

Product quality, food safety and sustainability are central principles underpinning the company's decisions, and are reflected in practice through the organic management of the vineyards, the care taken over the wine-growing landscape, and the daily attention paid to the local area and the people involved in the production chain.

The company regards compliance with regulations, ethical conduct and managerial transparency as fundamental aspects of its way of operating. For this reason, Cascina Valle Asinari fosters relationships based on trust and continuity with its staff, contractors, suppliers, partners and local stakeholders, valuing a supply chain built up over time through direct and mutually beneficial relationships.

Particular attention is also paid to the protection of natural resources and the gradual integration of environmental considerations into the company's operations, in the knowledge that climate change represents one of the main future challenges for the wine sector.

Through its Sustainability Management System, Cascina Valle Asinari continuously monitors the environmental, social and economic aspects associated with its activities, setting targets for continuous improvement in line with its commitment to maintaining, over the long term, a responsible and authentic approach to winemaking that is deeply rooted in conviviality and wine culture.

# - Work in the vineyard and throughout the wine production chain -

Our work begins in the vineyard and continues through every stage of the process that transforms the grapes into wine. Every step of the production process is guided by a focus on quality, respect for the local area and the responsible management of resources.

The company's activities are centred on two closely interlinked areas:

- Vineyard management

Work in the vineyard marks the starting point of production. Vine cultivation is geared towards protecting the soil, preserving the wine-growing landscape and enhancing the characteristics of the Monferrato region. Agronomic practices are managed with a focus on maintaining the balance of the agricultural ecosystem and preserving soil fertility.

- Grape processing and wine production

From the grape harvest to winemaking, the grapes are processed with the aim of preserving the identity of the raw materials and ensuring the quality and safety of the product. Every stage of the production process is monitored to ensure traceability, regulatory compliance and stylistic consistency in the wines.

In all our activities, we maintain a sustainability-focused approach, which is reflected in three fundamental principles:

- care for the environment, through the responsible management of our vineyards and natural resources;
- a focus on product quality, ensuring rigorous checks and high standards throughout all stages of production;
- fair relationships throughout the supply chain, based on collaboration, transparency and mutual respect.

Through this approach, we aim to contribute to the promotion of the local area and to the production of wines that authentically express their connection to the place where they are made.

# - Operational structure and group supply chain -

Cascina Valle Asinari operates through a supply chain built up over time in collaboration with technical and production partners with whom it shares a common approach to wine quality, land management and the sustainability of agricultural activities.
Vineyard management is coordinated directly by the estate with technical support from an agronomist and specialist contractors, with the aim of ensuring continuity in agronomic practices, maintaining the vineyard's balance and adhering to the organic farming methods adopted.
The subsequent stages of processing, winemaking, bottling and distribution are carried out through stable and ongoing partnerships with operational facilities that share the same production environment and a common vision regarding the quality, technical and sustainability aspects of the supply chain.
This organisational model enables the company to maintain constant control over production activities whilst operating through a network of specialist partners, thereby ensuring consistent quality, traceability and technical oversight throughout all stages of production.
The ongoing relationship with those involved in the supply chain is also a key factor in ensuring consistency between agricultural activities, winemaking processes and the values that guide the Cascina Valle Asinari project. In this context, the direct relationship between the people involved in the various stages of production continues to be regarded as one of the fundamental elements in preserving the wine's authenticity, regional identity and quality over time.

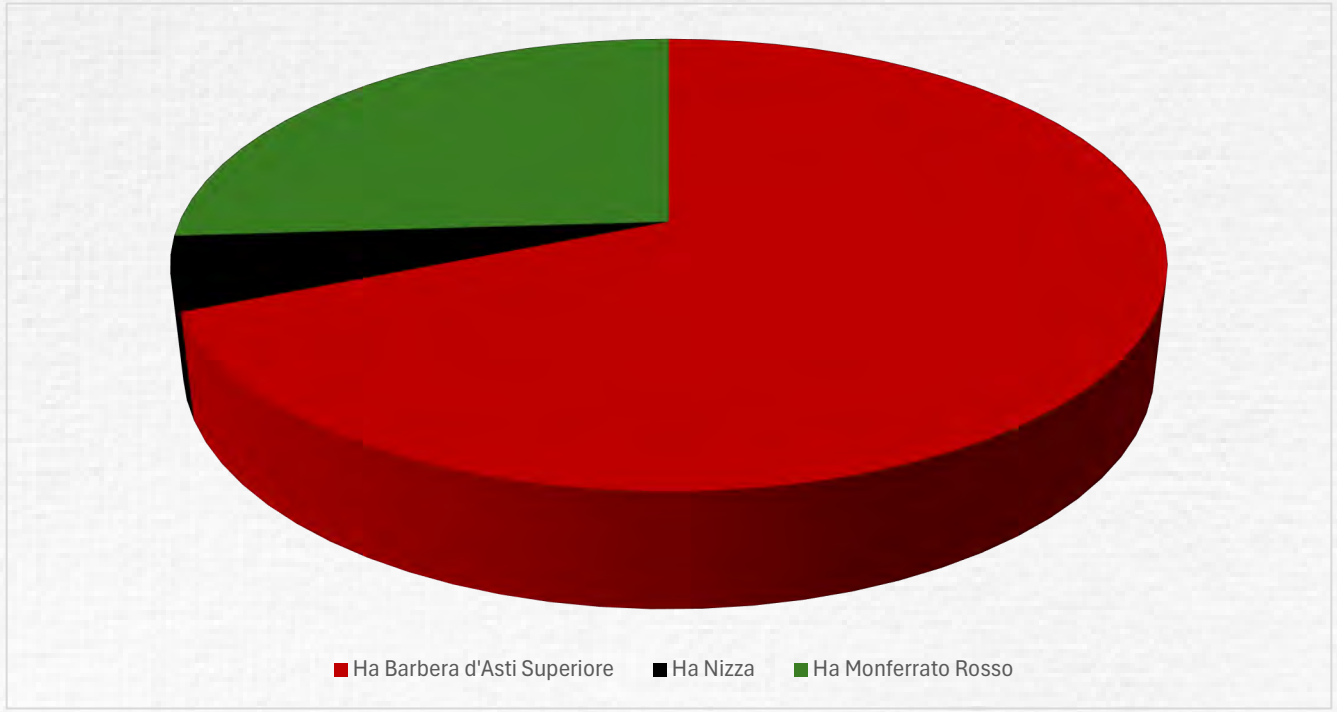
# - The vineyard -

We cultivate our vineyards in accordance with the principles of organic farming, with the aim of preserving soil fertility, respecting the balance of the agricultural ecosystem and enhancing the local area in which we operate. Since 2023, we have been certified organic in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848, with inspections carried out by the certification body CCPB. For us, this decision represents a natural step on the path towards viticulture that is increasingly focused on the environment and the quality of the grapes.

Our vineyards tell the story of the region and our business: the oldest vineyard dates back to 1937, whilst the most recent was planted in 2020. Both are located within the Nizza DOCG area, one of the leading regions for the production of exceptional Barbera, a grape variety that lies at the heart of our production.
Through careful and responsible agronomic management, we work every day to maintain the balance between the land, the vineyard and the wine, so that each vintage can authentically express the character of our region.

# - Our appellations -

On our vineyards, we grow grapes intended for the production of three wines that reflect the character of the region, whilst respecting tradition, innovation and biodiversity.



# - Technical details of our vineyards -

## PLANTING DENSITY :

Spacing between plants: 60–100 cm (average for new plantings: 90 cm)

Spacing between rows: 180–250 cm

## TRAINING SYSTEM:

Espalier

## PRUNING SYSTEM:

Guyot

Spurred cordon

## ALTITUDE OF THE VINEYARDS:

169–246 m a.s.l.

## LOCATION:

Hilly

## EXPOSURE:

South-west

## SOIL CHARACTERISTICS:

Loam-silt soil, with areas predominantly clayey or sandy

pH: alkaline / sub-alkaline

Skeleton: absent

## VINEYARD MANAGEMENT:

Inter-row management using permanent grass cover

# - The structure of the vineyards -

The vineyards of Cascina Valle Asinari are situated within the Nizza DOCG region, amidst the rolling hills of Monferrato, an area with a long history of producing high-quality wine.

The estate's vineyard area totals 11.5292 hectares, divided into several plots located mainly in the municipality of Nizza Monferrato.

The estate manages only its own vineyards and does not cultivate leased agricultural land.

The oldest vineyard dates back to 1937, whilst the most recent plantings were established in 2020, reflecting the estate's commitment to maintaining continuity between its historic viticultural heritage and progressive agronomic renewal.

From 2023, the entire vineyard area will be managed according to CCPB-certified organic methods in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

# - The winemaking -

Wine production using organic methods began in 2021. Production is governed by flowcharts specific to each type of wine, which dictate the winemaking process. In 2025, 50,589 litres of wine were produced from the grapes, comprising the following types:

BARBERA D'ASTI
DOCG SUPERIORE

NIZZA DOCG

MONFERRATO ROSSO
DOC SINCE

MONFERRATO DOC
ROSSO
CIUCHINO

# - The winemaking -

## THE BOTTLED PRODUCT

The following were bottled in 2025:

9.360 bottles of Moscato d'Asti DOCG 2024
1.326 bottles of Piemonte DOC Spumante Il mulo 2024
17973 bottles of Barbera d'Asti DOCG organic 2022
20399 bottles of Barbera d'Asti DOCG organic 2023
7600 bottles of Barbera d'Asti DOCG organic 2024
10000 bottles of Barbera d'Asti DOCG Superiore organic 2022
5666 bottles of Barbera d'Asti DOCG Superiore organic 2023
5133 bottles of Barbera d'Asti DOCG 2022
8733 bottles of Monferrato DOC Rosso organic 2023
2000 bottles of Monferrato DOC Rosso organic 2024
5360 bottles of Monferrato DOC Rosso 2023

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# - THE MONFERRATO -

Cascina Valle Asinari is situated in the heart of Monferrato, a hilly region where viticulture has been one of the most distinctive features of the landscape and local culture for centuries.

The hills, shaped by human labour and the presence of vines, form an agricultural system in which nature, tradition and productive activity coexist in harmony. In this context, the vineyard is not merely a place of production, but an integral part of the landscape and the identity of the region.

Monferrato has historically been a region well-suited to vine cultivation, thanks to a combination of soil types, aspect and climatic conditions that are favourable to the ripening of the grapes. These characteristics enable the production of wines that clearly express their connection to their place of origin.

For Cascina Valle Asinari, operating in this area means taking on the responsibility of safeguarding its agricultural and landscape heritage. The management of the vineyards and production activities is therefore geared towards protecting the environment, preserving the wine-growing landscape and promoting the local winemaking tradition.

Through its work, the company helps to keep alive a wine culture that is an integral part of Monferrato's history and which continues to evolve over time.

# - A relationship of trust throughout the supply chain -

In our work, we collaborate with suppliers and partners with whom we have, over time, built relationships based on trust, transparency and mutual accountability. We believe that the quality of the wine also stems from the quality of the relationships that underpin every stage of production.
The company regards the management of the supply chain as a central element of its sustainability strategy, particularly with regard to the grapes supplied and the materials used in production.
Suppliers are selected by prioritising long-standing relationships, consistent quality, local proximity and a shared commitment to practices that align with the company's production philosophy.

The assessment of suppliers also takes into account aspects relating to:

- the sustainability of agricultural practices;
- regulatory compliance;
- fairness and transparency throughout the supply chain;
- document management;
- consistent product quality.

## - In the vineyard, respect for the land -

Our work begins in the vineyard. It is here that the decisions which determine the quality of the grapes and the identity of our wines take shape. We cultivate our vineyards in accordance with the principles of organic farming, adopting agronomic practices aimed at protecting the soil, safeguarding biodiversity and maintaining the balance of the agricultural ecosystem. Every intervention is carefully assessed, taking into account the characteristics of the soil, weather conditions and the vegetative state of the vines. Through constant monitoring of the vineyards, we intervene only when necessary, relying on products permitted in organic farming and techniques such as sexual confusion, which enable us to control pathogen pressure without resorting to synthetic chemicals. Maintaining soil fertility, allowing grass to grow between the rows and the responsible management of treatments are fundamental elements of our agronomic approach. This patient, day-to-day work enables us to support the vine throughout its natural cycle and to preserve the agricultural and landscape value of these hills over time.

## - In wine, the essence of the raw material -

Winemaking is the moment when the work carried out in the vineyard is transformed into wine. Our aim is to guide this process with the utmost respect for the raw material, preserving the identity of the grapes and the character of the terroir from which they come. Every stage of the winemaking process is managed with a focus on product quality and safety, through checks and monitoring that ensure traceability and regulatory compliance.
We also take care to consider the environmental impact of the materials used in our packaging choices. Most of the glass in our bottles, supplied by Verallia Italia, is made from 89.8 per cent recycled material (External Cullet) and features the 'Reduced Green' colour, a shade that reflects our commitment to sustainability through the materials we use.
From the vineyard to the bottle, our work follows the same guiding principle: to produce wines that authentically express the terroir of Nizza and the agricultural heritage of the Monferrato hills.

# - Our approach to environmental monitoring -

Environmental protection is central to the way we cultivate our vines and produce wine. To understand and improve our environmental impact over time, we have launched a monitoring programme based on internationally recognised environmental indicators.
The aim is to progressively measure the key environmental aspects linked to our business, emissions, resource use and biodiversity, so that we have reliable data to guide future decisions and support a process of continuous improvement.

**2025**
Basic environmental data

**2026**
Environmental data collection

**2027**
Carbon Footprint
Water Footprint
Figures for 2026

**2028**
Biodiversity Analysis(IBS-bf / IBL-bf)
Biodiversity Friend protocol

INDICATORS

GRI 3-3, 303, 304, 305
SDG 6, 12, 13, 15

# - Water Footprint: our commitment to water resources -

Water is a vital resource for the balance of ecosystems and for agricultural activity. Managing it responsibly is one of the most important challenges for the future of viticulture.
In our day-to-day work, we focus on the mindful use of natural resources and on agronomic practices that help to preserve the balance of the vineyard and the local area.
With the aim of improving our understanding of our environmental impacts, we have embarked on a process that will lead to the measurement of our company's water footprint. The first calculation will be carried out in 2027, based on data from 2026, so that we have a reliable indicator that can be compared over time.
The environmental impacts associated with grape production can vary significantly from one vintage to the next, depending on weather conditions and the agronomic decisions taken during the growing season. Among the factors that can contribute most significantly to environmental impacts are the use of fertilisers and the agricultural fuel required for vineyard work. The use of vine protection products can also affect certain categories of environmental impact; in organic farming systems, copper is one of the most significant elements in terms of ecotoxicity in fresh water. As we do not practise irrigation in our vineyards, direct water consumption in the vineyard does not represent a significant component of the impacts linked to water scarcity.
Measuring our water footprint will be an important tool for gaining a better understanding of water usage throughout the production process and for identifying potential areas for improvement.
Through this initiative, we aim to further strengthen our commitment to the increasingly responsible management of natural resources and to a form of viticulture that successfully combines wine quality with respect for the environment.

# - Climate change and our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint -

The greenhouse effect is a natural phenomenon that makes life on Earth possible by trapping some of the heat from the sun and maintaining temperatures suitable for ecosystems. This balance is regulated by the presence of greenhouse gases (GHGs), which slow down the loss of energy into space.

In recent decades, however, the concentration of these gases – in particular carbon dioxide ($CO_2$), methane ($CH_4$), nitrous oxide ($N_2O$) and fluorinated gases – has risen significantly, contributing to climate change. According to the IPCC, $CO_2$ accounts for around 77 per cent of global emissions and is closely linked to the use of fossil fuels and patterns of production and consumption. The wine sector, too, is called upon to address this challenge. For this reason, we have embarked on a process that will lead to the measurement of our company's carbon footprint, which will be carried out in 2027 based on data from 2026, in line with the Equalitas® Standard and key international standards.

Measuring the carbon footprint will be an important tool for gathering reliable information, raising internal awareness of the importance of sustainability, identifying possible measures to reduce emissions, and monitoring trends over time.

For us, sustainability is not a destination, but an ongoing journey: measuring our environmental impact means making more informed choices and helping to safeguard the balance between the local area, the environment and the community.

# - 2025 Annual GHG Inventory -

During 2025, Cascina Valle Asinari defined the scope of its annual greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, in accordance with the requirements of the Equalitas standard and applying the principle of operational control set out in the GHG Protocol.
The inventory includes emissions directly attributable to activities under the organisation's control (Scope 1 and Scope 2). Given the company's operational structure, Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions are therefore immaterial for the reporting period.
The main operational emissions associated with agricultural activities, winemaking and bottling are, in fact, generated through a network of specialised technical and production partnerships. These activities are considered indirect emissions (Scope 3) and will be progressively incorporated as part of the development of the future product carbon footprint, which is planned for the coming financial years.
2025 therefore marks the first year in which the environmental baseline will be established and the data collection system put in place, which is necessary for the development of an increasingly comprehensive emissions monitoring programme that is consistent with the company's sustainability strategy.

# - The value of natural balance -

Biodiversity is one of the key factors underpinning the health and resilience of agricultural ecosystems. For this reason, we plan to periodically assess the impact of our activities on the local area using the Biodiversity Index, in accordance with the Biodiversity Friend protocol, as required by the Equalitas Voluntary Standard for the monitoring of environmental indicators.

The first analysis will be carried out in 2028, so as to provide a reliable and representative indicator of the state of the corporate ecosystem.

The study will take two main parameters into account:

- Soil biodiversity index (IBS-bf), calculated using sampling points distributed throughout the estate's vineyards;
- Aerial lichen biodiversity index (IBL-bf), recorded at various locations representative of the estate.

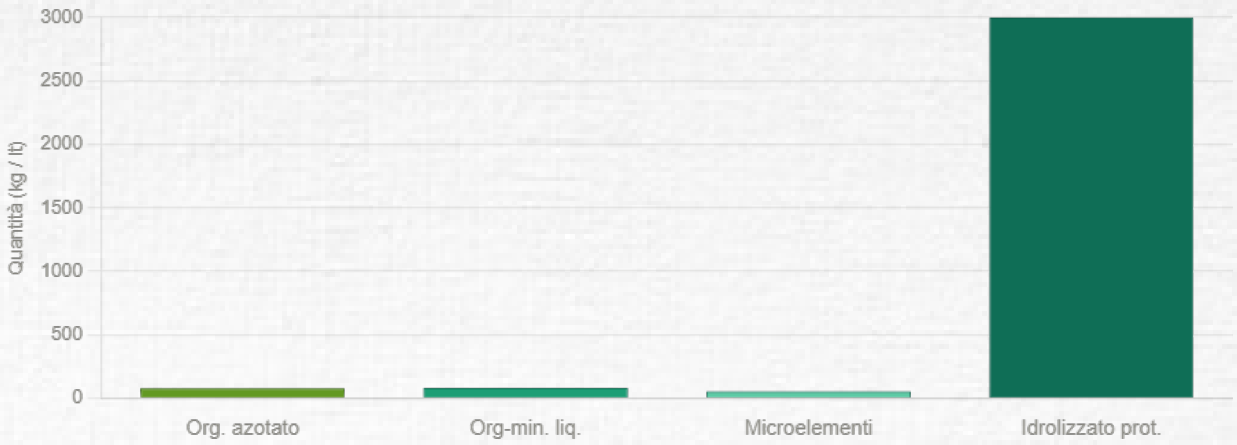
These indicators will enable us to assess the quality of the agricultural environment and the balance of the ecosystem in which we operate. In particular, analysing soil biodiversity will allow us to observe the presence and activity of organisms that are essential to soil fertility and vitality.

High biodiversity is, in fact, synonymous with a healthy and balanced environment, capable of sustaining crops in the long term and strengthening the resilience of the agricultural ecosystem. Micro-organisms, earthworms and other invertebrates play an essential role in improving soil structure, the nutrient cycle and the prevention of erosion.

Through this monitoring, we aim to gain an ever-better understanding of the balance of our agricultural environment and to guide our decisions towards vineyard management that is increasingly focused on protecting the soil and biodiversity.

# - The vineyard-

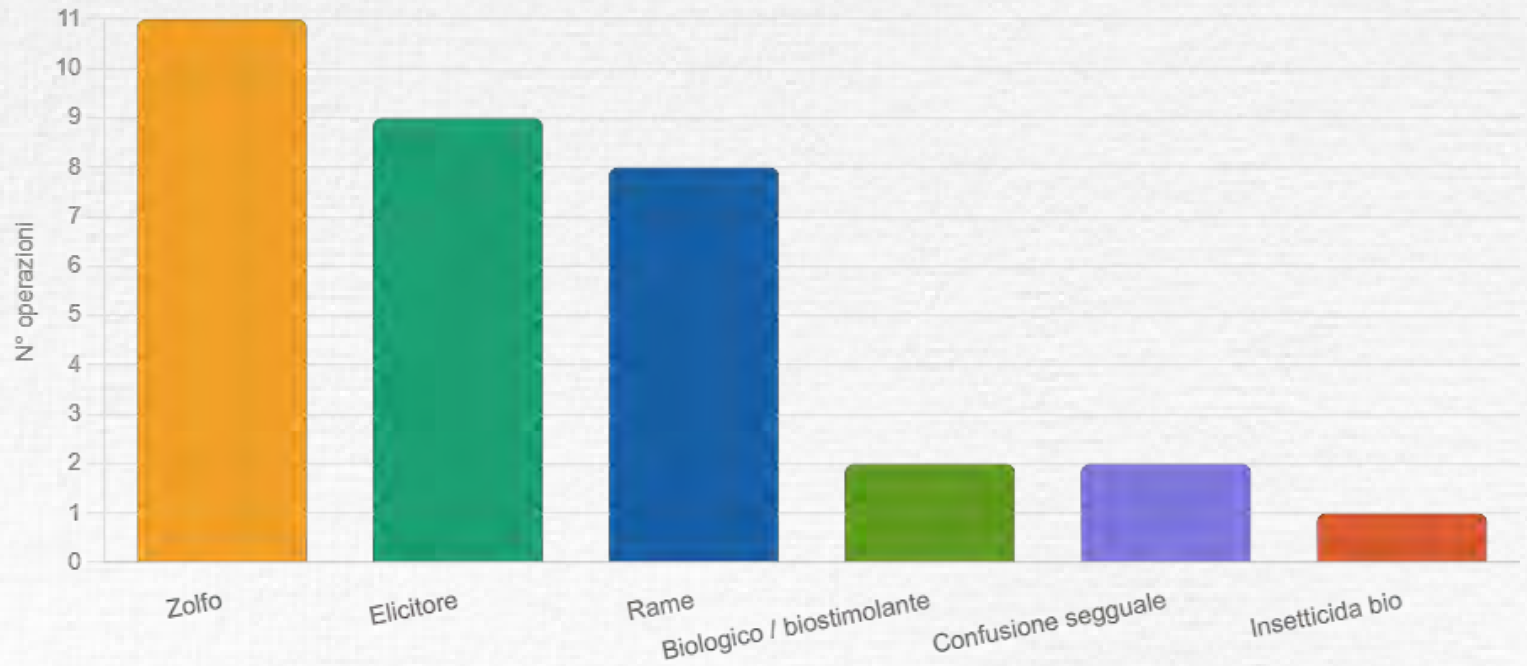
The soil is one of the key elements in maintaining the vineyard's balance. Chemical analyses enable us to gain a better understanding of the characteristics of our soils, which are generally of medium texture, with a pH that tends to be alkaline and a naturally low content of organic matter, nitrogen and potassium.
Based on this information, we draw up fertilisation plans designed to maintain soil fertility and the nutritional balance of the vines over time. For this reason, we carry out targeted organic fertilisation in the autumn, giving priority, where possible, to the use of manure from local farms.
This approach enables us to gradually improve the structure and vitality of the soil, promoting the development of organic matter and supporting the long-term health of the vineyard.




Allowing the rows to grow wild is an agronomic choice we make to promote balance in the vineyard. This practice helps to protect the soil and preserve the agricultural ecosystem, creating conditions conducive to the development of native flora and fauna and thereby supporting the area's biodiversity.

# - In the vineyard-

In line with the organic management of its vineyards and the principles of the Equalitas standard, the company does not use plant protection products containing active substances that are excluded or prohibited by the applicable regulations and current legislation. Pest and disease management is carried out by prioritising agronomic practices focused on prevention, vineyard monitoring and the responsible use of products authorised for organic farming.



# - Monitoring and protection of the vineyard -

Vineyard management cannot be carried out without careful monitoring of the condition of the vines and the development of the main pests and diseases. Constant observation of the vineyard is essential for understanding when and how to intervene, enabling agronomic decisions to be made on the basis of concrete data.
Throughout the year, numerous field surveys are carried out to study the development of pathogens, assess the effectiveness of plant protection strategies and monitor the vegetative growth of plants. The data collected is recorded using digital tools that enable the management of information and the production of reports useful for interpreting seasonal trends.
Decisions regarding control measures are also supported by disease forecasting systems, based on the analysis of climatic conditions and the use of meteorological data from stations across the region.
To control moths that can damage vine yields, we have been using the technique of sexual confusion for several years; this approach enables us to reduce our use of insecticides and maintain the balance of the vineyard's ecosystem.

Questo metodo di lavoro ci permette di gestire il vigneto nel rispetto dei principi dell'agricoltura biologica.

# - Responsible waste management -

Waste generation is linked to the various agricultural activities involved in vineyard management. In particular, waste may be generated during: fertilisation and plant protection treatments, which involve the production of packaging made of paper, cardboard or plastic from the products used; and vineyard modernisation work, which may generate metal waste resulting from the replacement of support structures that are no longer usable.
All waste produced is identified by assigning it a specific EWC (European Waste Catalogue) code, collected and temporarily stored in designated areas pending handover to authorised operators for transport and final treatment, either through recovery or disposal. Storage takes place in separate areas, distinguishing between hazardous and non-hazardous waste, in accordance with current regulations.

In 2025, the waste produced was as follows:

| EWC Code | Quantity | Index (kg/bottle) |
|---|---|---|
| 150106 | 20 kg | 0,000214 |
| 150110 | 100 kg | 0,001069 |
| TOTAL | 120 kg | 0,001283 |

# - Management of wastewater from treatment processes -

The preparation and application of plant protection treatments are carried out in accordance with the principles of organic farming, the relevant regulations in force and the technical guidance provided by the farm's agronomist.
Operations are carried out using equipment specifically designed for organic production, in order to prevent cross-contamination with other types of crops and to ensure compliance with the requirements of organic certification.
The preparation of mixtures and the filling of sprayers are carried out directly in the vineyard, taking all necessary precautions to prevent accidental spillage and reduce the risk of point-source soil contamination. Particular care is taken during the dosing and handling of products authorised for organic farming.
At the end of each treatment, the sprayer is rinsed internally with clean water. The rinse water is then distributed over the vineyard in one or more additional passes, allowing any residues present inside the equipment to be gradually diluted and preventing the formation of concentrated effluent or direct discharge into the environment.
The equipment used undergoes regular maintenance and functional checks to ensure uniform distribution of the product and to minimise accidental leakage or spillage.
The company also implements preventive measures aimed at protecting the environment and reducing the impacts associated with plant protection activities, including:

- exclusive use of products permitted under organic farming regulations;
- monitoring the vineyard's plant health and applying treatments only when strictly necessary;
- checking weather conditions before carrying out any work;
- proper management and disposal of empty packaging through authorised operators;
- maintaining work areas in such a condition as to minimise the risk of contamination of the soil and the surrounding environment.

The estate's vineyards are not situated adjacent to surface watercourses; however, all activities are planned and carried out in accordance with principles of prudence and prevention, with the aim of minimising any potential impact on water resources, soil, biodiversity and the agricultural ecosystems of the area.

- Wine comes from the earth,
but it is people who bring it to life -

Our work is based on collaboration with qualified professionals and practitioners who, drawing on their diverse areas of expertise, contribute to the management of agricultural and production activities.
Growing grapes and producing wine requires care, experience and specific technical knowledge. That is why we work with people who share our principles of responsibility, respect for the environment and care for the local area.
We pay particular attention to compliance with current labour and health and safety regulations, promoting responsible behaviour and appropriate working conditions in all activities involved in vineyard management and wine production.
Through these partnerships, we promote the skills and professionalism that are fundamental to the quality of agricultural work and to the protection of the local area in which we operate.

## - An enduring bond between the local area and the community -

Our work is deeply rooted in the local area where we operate. For this reason, we believe it is important to maintain an open and constructive dialogue with the local community over time, based on listening, transparency and a commitment to continuously improving our practices.
Over the coming years, we intend to strengthen this relationship through a number of concrete initiatives.

- Listening and dialogue

Given that 2025 marks the first cycle of developing the Sustainability Report and the company's Equalitas programme, the formal process of engaging residents and owners of neighbouring land will be carried out during 2026.
The company plans to carry out consultation and feedback activities through dedicated questionnaires and opportunities for dialogue with the local community, with the aim of gaining a better understanding of perceptions regarding agricultural activities, gathering useful feedback and identifying any areas for improvement.
This initiative will be gradually integrated into the company's sustainability programme and completed as part of the first three-year cycle set out by the Equalitas system.

- Promoting a culture of sustainability

We aim to help raise awareness of issues relating to sustainability and the protection of the wine-growing landscape, by fostering dialogue with the local community and highlighting the role of agriculture in preserving the environment and wine culture.

Through these initiatives, we aim to strengthen our role as a responsible agricultural business, one that is mindful of the impact of its activities and committed to building relationships of trust over time with the community and the local area that hosts us.

# - Investing to improve -

During 2025, we carried out a number of initiatives aimed at improving operational efficiency and enhancing the value of our assets. Among the key measures undertaken was a collaboration with an agronomist, who is guiding us on our journey towards sustainability and helping us to identify the most appropriate agricultural practices for managing our vineyards.
At the same time, we have continued with modernisation work on the vineyards, aimed at improving crop management and ensuring the long-term quality and sustainability of our production.
These activities form an important part of our commitment to continuous improvement, helping to enhance the efficiency of our farming practices and to support business development that is mindful of the local area and the environment.

# - Breakdown of expenditure by area -

Cascina Valle Asinari's activities generate economic value that is redistributed throughout the supply chain via procurement, investment, employment, services, partnerships and support for the local area. Economic sustainability is, in fact, a fundamental prerequisite for ensuring business continuity, safeguarding people and enhancing the community in which we operate.

# - The value that remains in the local area -

Cascina Valle Asinari regards its connection with the local area as one of the central elements of its corporate identity. For this reason, a significant proportion of the economic value generated by its wine-making activities is redistributed throughout the agricultural and production supply chain through partnerships, services, investments and activities closely linked to the local community.
The company's financial resources are allocated primarily to:

- the management and care of the vineyards;
- agricultural and production activities within the supply chain;
- investments in quality and sustainability;
- maintaining organic farming practices;
- technical and monitoring activities;
- collaboration with professionals, suppliers and local organisations.

Where possible, the company gives priority to ongoing relationships with organisations based in its local area, believing that geographical proximity and direct knowledge of the supply chain are key factors in ensuring quality, operational continuity and transparency in its relationships.
Cascina Valle Asinari regards economic sustainability as an essential prerequisite for preserving, over time, the agricultural value of the land, the quality of its produce and the ability to maintain a wine-growing model that is consistent with its own identity and with the Monferrato landscape.

# - The grape harvest -

The grape harvest is one of the most important moments of the wine-growing year: it is the moment when we gather the fruits of the labour carried out throughout the vine's growing cycle and guide them towards their transformation into wine.

In 2025, prior to the harvest, in order to determine the ideal time to harvest, we carried out the following:

- Number of grape samples: 4
- Number of sensory analyses: 4

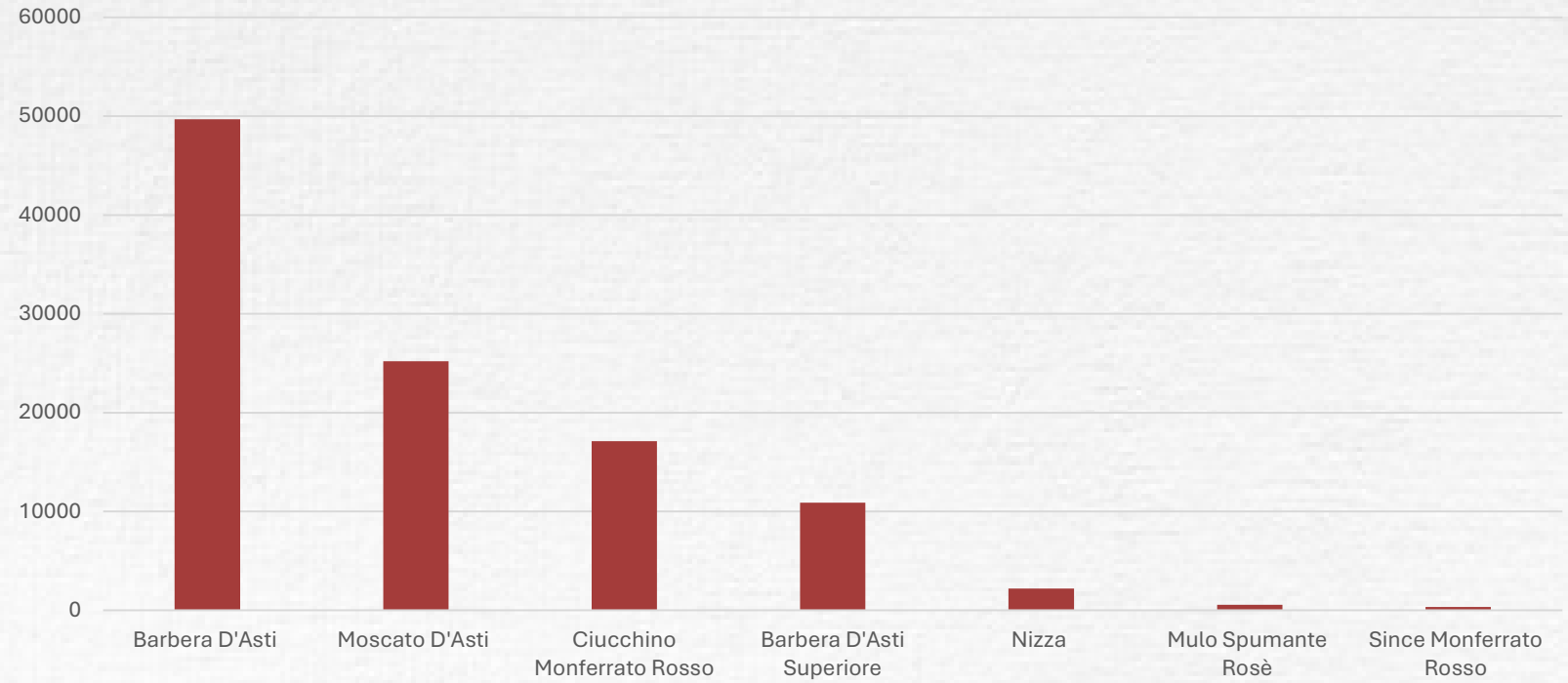
The grapes are harvested exclusively by HAND:

for premium varieties, this is done exclusively in 20-kg CRATES.

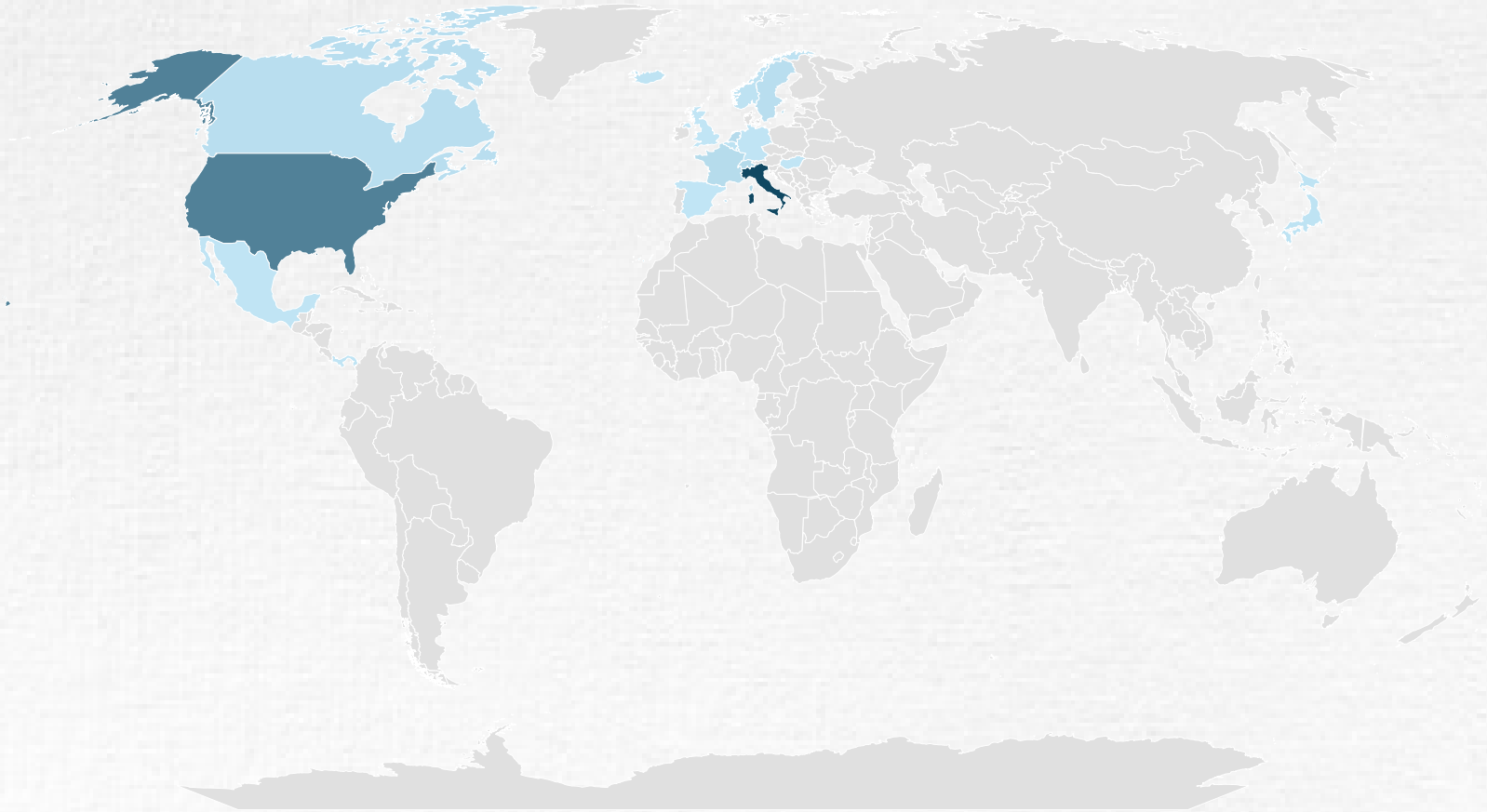
- Quantity of grapes harvested in 2025: 79,543 kg

# - Our wines on the market in 2025 -

In 2025, the sales of our wines reflect the work carried out in the vineyard and in the winery. The figures shown indicate the number of bottles released onto the market during the year.



# - Where did you drink our wines in 2025 -



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# - Awards for our wines -

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## AWARDS

GRI 2-6, 201, 203, 416
SDG 8, 12, 17

# - Our journey towards sustainability -

To guide our sustainability strategy, we have identified a number of priority areas for action, relating to environmental protection, the responsible management of resources and our relationship with the local community. For each of these areas, we have defined specific actions, expected impacts and monitoring tools that enable us to assess the effectiveness of the initiatives undertaken over time and to progressively improve our practices.

| Scope | Shares | Goals | Indicators | Timelines |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Climate change mitigation | Investments to reduce direct and indirect emissions: optimisation of transport and packaging. | Reduction in $CO_2$eq emissions. | Company GHG carbon footprint (Scopes 1–2–3), energy consumption per quintal of grapes produced. | Medium to long term |
| Adaptation to climate change | The introduction of resilient agronomic practices and investment in climate monitoring systems. | Greater production stability and crop resilience. | Average yields per hectare. | Continuous / annual |
| Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources | Optimisation of water consumption, water recovery and reuse in production processes, and protection of water sources. | Reducing the company's water footprint. | Corporate water footprint: water consumption per quintal of grapes produced. | Continue |

# - Our sustainability journey -

| Scope | Shares | Goals | Indicators | Timeline |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pollution prevention and reduction | Introduction of low-emission technologies, reduction of hazardous substances and improvement of waste management. | Reduced emissions and environmental impact. | Monitoring of $CO_2$eq emissions | Continue |
| Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems | Sustainable vineyard management, protection of natural areas, and maintenance of hedgerows and woodland. | Increased biodiversity on the farm. | Biodiversity Index (BI), number of native species present. | Continue |
| Growth of local communities | Partnerships with local institutions and organisations, and cultural and social initiatives for the community. | Strengthening ties with the local community. | Number of active local projects; investment in local initiatives. | Continue |

# - Our commitment for 2026 -

- **Start of the carbon footprint measurement**

During 2026, we will collect the data required to carry out the first analysis of our company's carbon footprint, which will be calculated in 2027 based on the 2026 data. This will enable us to gain a better understanding of the climate impacts of our activities and identify potential areas for improvement.

- **Continuous improvement in vineyard management**

We will continue to improve our agronomic management through the technical support of our agronomist and measures to modernise the vineyards, with the aim of maintaining the quality of our produce and the sustainability of our agricultural practices over the long term.

- **Listening to the local community**

In 2026, we will carry out an initial consultation with residents and owners of neighbouring land, using a short questionnaire designed to gather comments and suggestions on agricultural activities and our relationship with the local area.

# - How we created this report -

**General information about the organization**

Cascina Valle Asinari is an agricultural company operating in the wine sector, specialising in vineyard management and the production of wines associated with the Monferrato region.
Company name: Cascina Valle Asinari Società Agricola S.r.l.
Legal form: Limited liability agricultural company
Registered office: San Marzano Oliveto, Valle Asinari 20
Year of foundation: 2017
Company Register / VAT No.: 01630310058
The company operates using a production model characterised by a high degree of supply chain integration. Winemaking, bottling and distribution are carried out by group companies, whilst maintaining a shared approach to quality, production and sustainability.

Our journey

This Sustainability Report marks Cascina Valle Asinari's first step towards structured reporting on its environmental, social and economic activities. Through this document, we aim to provide a transparent account of our work, the practices we employ in managing our vineyards, and the initiatives we have undertaken to promote sustainable agricultural development.

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## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

GRI 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-6, 2-12, 2-22, 2-29, 3-1, 3-2
SDG 12, 16, 17

# - How we created this report -

## The guidelines used

The report has been drawn up in accordance with the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards (2021), supplemented by the indicators set out in the Equalitas Standard for sustainability in the wine sector, which is considered particularly relevant to the nature of our business and the agricultural context in which we operate.

Scope and reporting period
Scope: Cascina Valle Asinari
Reference period: January – December 2025
Publication frequency: annual
Publication format: digital

## Defining the content

The content of the Sustainability Report has been drawn up on the basis of the company's activities and the key sustainability issues in the wine sector.The environmental, economic and social aspects most relevant to the company have been taken into account, with the aim of providing a clear and transparent account of our sustainability journey.

# - How we created this report -

## Data collection and management

The information contained in this document is derived from available company data, internal documentation and monitoring activities carried out as part of agronomic and administrative management.
The data was collected and processed with the aim of ensuring the utmost accuracy and consistency of the information provided.
This Sustainability Report has been drawn up in accordance with the principles of transparency, accuracy and completeness. Cascina Valle Asinari declares that all commercial communications, the information provided on labels and the promotional materials for its wines comply with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, as well as with other applicable national and European regulations concerning the labelling, presentation and advertising of food products, in order to ensure clarity, accuracy and consumer protection.

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# - Our certification -

**Certificato ai sensi dell'Articolo 35, Paragrafo 1, del regolamento (UE) 2018/848 relativo alla produzione biologica e all'etichettatura dei prodotti biologici**

**Parte I: elementi obbligatori**

I.1 Numero del documento
IT-BIO-009.380-0036235.2025.001

I.2 Tipo di operatore
☑ Operatore
☐ Gruppo di operatori

I.3 Operatore o gruppo di operatori
Nome: CASCINA VALLE ASINARI S.A.R.L.
Indirizzo: REGIONE VALLE ASINARI 20, 14050 San Marzano Oliveto
Paese: Italia — Codice ISO: IT

I.4 Autorità competente o Autorità / Organismo di controllo
Autorità: CCPB Srl (IT-BIO-009)
Indirizzo: Viale Masini 36, 40126, Bologna
Paese: Italia — Codice ISO: IT

I.5 Attività dall'operatore o dei gruppo di operatori
• Produzione
• Distribuzione/Immissione sul mercato

I.6 Categorie di prodotti di cui all'articolo 35, paragrafo 7, del regolamento (UE) 2018/848 del Parlamento europeo e del Consiglio e metodi di produzione
• (a) Vegetali e prodotti vegetali non trasformati, compresi sementi e altro materiale riproduttivo vegetale
Metodo di produzione:
– produzione biologica, accetto durante il periodo di conversione
• (d) Prodotti agricoli trasformati, inclusi prodotti di acquacoltura, destinati a essere utilizzati come alimenti
Metodo di produzione:
– produzione di prodotti biologici
– produzione biologica con produzione non biologica
• (f) Vino
Metodo di produzione:
– produzione di prodotti biologici

Il presente documento è stato rilasciato in conformità del regolamento (UE) 2018/848 per certificare che l'operatore o il gruppo di operatori (selezionare l'opzione opportuna) rispettano tale regolamento.

I.7 Data, luogo
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Luogo: Bologna (IT)

I.8 Validità
Certificato valido dal 28/10/2025 al 28/10/2028

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This Sustainability Report has been drawn up in accordance with the GRI Standards (2021) and the Equalitas Standard for sustainability in the wine sector, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

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We invite anyone interested to submit comments, suggestions and questions regarding our Sustainability Report and, more generally, our company's activities, using the following contact details:

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