



RIDGEVIEW'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS 2022

Ridgeview is a purpose-driven family business, dedicated to working in harmony with the natural world. Sustainability is a founding principle and our business is built upon a deep respect for the land. We have a duty and a passion to protect and preserve it, for generations to come. Our focus has always been on the future and we strive to be caring stewards and custodians of our estate, who make a positive contribution to the health of the planet as a whole. We want our business, employees, community and environment to thrive, year after year, and to work alongside others that think and feel like us.

We have written this environmental statement to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability, with honesty and transparency. We are proud of the environmental performance of many of our operations but equally recognise that there are areas that we can, and will, improve upon. Ridgeview has a skyward vision and a robust roadmap to ensure that we reach our sustainability goals. This statement provides a summary of where we currently are and outlines our vision for the future.

OUR CORE COMMITMENTS

- We actively track, measure, and transparently report our usage across energy (gas and electricity), water, waste, and carbon emissions
- We protect our vineyard soils through rigorous monitoring of nutrients, organic matter and soil biology, improving soil structure where necessary
- We monitor, minimise and dispose of waste safely and legally, adopting a strict 'reduce, re-use and recycle' policy. With the help of commercial recycling and resource management companies, we reduce refuse going to landfill, use detailed recycling reports to measure performance and address areas requiring attention
- We work with suppliers that place people and planet alongside profit, favouring local and hyper-local supply to support the community and reduce delivery miles
- We use packaging that minimises the impact on the environment, from cardboard cases to our 100% plastic-free flexi-hex bottle sleeves
- We prioritise local recruitment and support flexible working practices. We encourage virtual meetings as much as possible, only travel when strictly necessary and carbon offset any air travel that is business critical
- We invest in the latest, innovative equipment to increase efficiency and minimise the environmental impact of our operations

OUR ADVANCED PRACTICES

- We are proud to be certified Wines GB Sustainable Vineyard & Winery
- Our onsite Bio-Bubble, installed in 2015, uses an award-winning process, 'Advanced Aeration', to safely and sustainably manage all commercial and domestic wastewater generated across our entire estate.
- Our estate sequesters 72.5 tonnes of carbon



- We have a woodland management plan involving coppicing to promote biodiversity on the woodland floor
- Our underground cellars naturally provide the optimum conditions for ageing sparkling wine, with temperature control being regulated purely from the ground
- Our bottle foils are adhesive-free, use water-based ink and are made from a sugar cane composite using renewable raw materials
- We train our team on the importance of sustainability and each employee is assigned to one of five sustainability working groups to play an active part in our continuous monitoring and improvement. We include environmental performance as indicators of success in our employee's 'Personal Development Plans', actively encouraging them to incorporate sustainability within their personal targets for the year ahead

OUR FUTURE GOALS

We pledge to:

- Reduce carbon emissions by 20% and achieve a carbon neutral status by 2030
- Harvest rainwater to reuse around the estate
- Install further solar panels on the roofs of our winery buildings, making the very best of renewable energy sources for the estate
- Install a colony of bees on the estate and develop a wildflower meadow
- Conduct an earth worm count to further measure the health of our soils
- Achieve B-Corp & Positive Luxury accreditation, as a business committed to balancing people, planet and profit.

We welcome any suggestions on how to improve and are always open for feedback, because we believe that sustainability is a collective cause, made greater through collaboration. We have built a culture of continuous improvement in our operations, supply chain, decision-making and future planning, and will review this environmental statement every year, continuing to communicate openly about our sustainability journey.

Best wishes,

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Tamara Roberts, CEO