Sustainable Wineries for Climate Protection (SWfCP)

What is SWfCP?

Sustainable Wineries for Climate Protection (SWfCP) is a certification scheme developed by the **Spanish Wine Federation (FEV)** that defines the criteria a sustainable winery should meet regarding the **environment, governance, social,** and **economic** aspects. Wineries that meet these criteria can request verification from **Applus+,** as it is an accredited entity to carry out this process.

SWfCP is the only specific standard for wineries aimed at reducing the **environmental** and **socio-economic** impact, as well as **governance** in the wine sector. The verification focuses on key areas of **sustainability** while promoting **responsible practices** and **efficient resource use,** contributing to **climate change mitigation.**

This scheme is recognised by the **Ministry of Agriculture** and allows wineries to directly obtain the seal of the **National Carbon Footprint Registry.**

Sustainable Wineries for Climate Protection (SWfCP) is oriented towards **continuous improvement** in four phases:

- **Plan:** Establish a reduction plan.
- **Do:** Implement reduction actions.
- **Check:** Measure the impact of the implemented actions.
- **Act:** Take action on those measures whose impact is not as expected.

Although there are numerous indicators to measure [environmental sustainability](#), the SWfCP certification verifies commitment in relation to **four key dimensions**: **environmental**, **social**, **economic**, and **governance**.

SWfCP is a scheme based on a **scoring system** that requires a process of **continuous improvement** within organisations and a **biennial renewal**.

Benefits of SWfCP Verification

Obtaining SWfCP verification provides companies with:

- Strengthening the **winery's image** as a responsible and sustainable business, enhancing its **reputation** among consumers and distributors.
- The ability to use a **seal** that certifies them as a sustainable supplier to customers, buyers, consumers, and other stakeholders in the **wine value chain**.
- Demonstrating the **winery's commitment** to **climate protection** and **sustainability**.
- Reducing operational costs and improving **profitability** by optimising the use of **resources** such as **energy** and **water**.
- Encouraging **continuous improvement** through **periodic audits** and updates to sustainability policies.
- Contributing to **global commitments** on emission reduction and sustainability, aligning with the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.
- Facilitating access to **national and international markets** that value eco-friendly and sustainable products, increasing **business opportunities**.
- Providing a **competitive advantage** in the market.

Who is this certification for?

SWfCP may be of particular interest to:

- **Wineries** of all sizes interested in measuring and communicating their **sustainability** progress.
- **Wine exporters** seeking access to international markets that require **ESG certifications**.
- **Wine distributors and marketers** committed to promoting **sustainable products**.
- **Winemaking cooperatives** looking to optimise their processes and promote sustainability among their members.
- **Organic vineyards** that attract tourists interested in sustainability, who can use the certification as a **differentiating factor** in their visits and wine tourism experiences.
- **Boutique and premium wineries**, which typically focus on **quality and exclusivity** and aim to differentiate themselves by offering sustainable and environmentally friendly products.

Why certify SWfCP with Applus+ Certification?

Verifying **Sustainable Wineries for Climate Protection (SWfCP)** with **Applus+** ensures **international recognition**, **transparency**, and **rigorous verification** of sustainable practices.

The certification strengthens the **winery's reputation** as a **responsible and sustainable business**, enhances its **competitiveness** in international markets that value eco-friendly products, and meets strict criteria for **impartiality**, **independence**, **integrity**, **confidentiality**, **objectivity**, and **technical competence**.