

Sustainability at Donnafugata and ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) goals


Sustainability is a value that forms part of Donnafugata’s **DNA**. For over **30 years**, the company has been committed to producing wines that **respect the environment and people**: from good practices in the field to biodiversity, energy saving, clean energy production, protection of the landscape and support for the local area. In 2021, Donnafugata joined **SOSStain Sicilia**, the sustainability programme for Sicilian viticulture, which follows the goals of the **UN 2030 Agenda**. Thanks to this specification and its **10 Requirements**, Donnafugata monitors – in all its estates – performance indicators, identifying improvement plans consistent with its sustainability goals.

In March 2022, the company conducted a **materiality assessment** to identify the most relevant **sustainability issues** for its internal stakeholders: product quality, innovation, customer relations, and workplace safety. The results of the materiality assessment were then catalogued according to the framework of the UN 2030 Agenda to highlight **9 main SDGs** (Sustainable Development Goals) on which Donnafugata focuses its efforts:



Achievements in 2022 and goals for 2023

Industry, innovation and infrastructure

One of the  main parameters to monitor in order to assess the energy efficiency of business processes is **energy consumption** (in kWh) **per litre** of wine produced. In 2022, this indicator **decreased by 4%** compared to 2021. This improvement was due to the achievement of certain economies of scale and the replacement of particular machinery (refrigeration plants and pumping stations) with more energy-efficient systems. The indicator value in 2022 was also lower than 0.7 kWh/litre, as stipulated in Requirement No. 7 of the **SOSStain Specification**. Further improvements may result from the investment project planned over the next



four years.

Responsible consumption and production



Donnafugata's commitment to **sustainable vineyard management** and efficient use of **natural resources** saw the adoption of new practices during 2022. In 2022, the company obtained **agro-environmental** certification

under the Italian **Sistema di Qualità Nazionale di Produzione Integrata (Integrated Production National Quality System - SQNPI)**. As a whole, the above-mentioned practices fall under Requirements No. 1, 2 and 4 of the **SOSTain Specification**. **2023** also saw the procurement of **lightweight 0-km bottles**, 100% made in Sicily and manufactured from 90% recycled glass. This good practice will further reduce the **average weight of bottles**, which in 2022 was below 550 g, the maximum allowed by Requirement No. 8. of the **SOSTain Specification**.

Affordable and clean energy



Since 2001, Donnafugata has been committed to producing **clean energy** by means of **photovoltaic systems** installed on the Contessa Entellina Estate and in Marsala. In **2023**, a new 220 kW photovoltaic plant will be installed

on the roofs of the Marsala winery, which is estimated to generate 320,000 kWh/year for the next 20 years. This will contribute to reducing **CO₂ emissions**. This sustainable choice falls under Requirement No. 7 of the **SOSTain Specification**.

End hunger and promote sustainable agriculture



For over 10 years, Donnafugata has been committed to the eco-sustainable management of **agricultural activities**, helping to control plant diseases and environmental stresses such as drought, as well as to prevent soil erosion. The area of **natural** (non-vineyard) **areas** that the company manages is one of the parameters for monitoring its contribution to biodiversity protection. For **2023**, the company is committed to further increasing **natural areas** by increasing the sowing of field beans, a best practice that contributes to improving the soil microbiome and preventing soil erosion. Good practices that fall under Requirement No. 3 of the **SOSTain Specification**.

Decent work and economic growth, gender equality



Donnafugata has always been committed to **its employees' well-being**, to gender equality, and to guaranteeing equal rights, treatment, responsibilities and opportunities. Notably, **women** play a key role in the company's organisation, holding **43% of leadership positions**. Great importance is given to **continuous training** of human resources with professional updates targeted at the needs of each work area. The company aims to improve its workers' well-being through a **productivity bonus** given to all its staff.

Good practices that fall under Requirement No. 6 of the **SOSTain Specification**.

Sustainable cities and communities



Enhancement of the local area, protection of the landscape and promotion of culture are elements that have always distinguished Donnafugata's commitment. Since 2008, it has supported **FAI - Fondo per l'Ambiente Italiano** (National Trust for Italy) as a Corporate Golden Donor. For over 20 years, it has collaborated with the **Scuola Normale Superiore** in Pisa on archaeological excavations on the Rocca di Entella, near the Contessa Entellina Estate vineyards, and supports young archaeologists with the "**Giuseppe Nenci**" Award, named after the great scholar who studied the Elymians. Additionally, it has been a supporting member of the **University of Gastronomic Sciences** for years, assisting its research activities. In 2022, it achieved 45th place in the **World's Best Vineyards**, the ranking of the world's finest wine destinations.

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Life below water



Many actions are being taken around the world to **limit marine pollution**, a matter of great concern. Some of these initiatives aim to recover waste before it reaches the sea: among them is **Nomacorc Ocean**, which uses a raw material from this waste to give it a second life based on the principles of the **circular economy**. **Vinventions' Nomacorc Ocean cap for Damarino 2022** is the world's first cap obtained by **recycling plastic** collected in coastal areas, contributing to the achievement of **Goal 14 of the UN 2030 Agenda**, which aims to conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.



Corporate Governance



In the Governance area, the company operates with a Board of Directors that respects the criteria of **independence** and **diversity** and also takes sustainability consequences into account in its decisions. In 2022, it approved the project entitled “**RIGENERAZIONE VITIVINICOLA VERSO L’INNOVAZIONE E LA SOSTENIBILITÀ**” (**VITICULTURAL REGENERATION TOWARDS INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY**), which will be implemented over the next four years.