



Ethical Company of the Year The Drinks Business – Green Awards 2019

Symington Family Estates has been named **Ethical Company of the Year** (2019) by **The Drinks Business**. The judges made the award to a company whose foundations are firmly rooted in, and dedicated to, the community and environment where they are based.

The panel acknowledged the leadership demonstrated by the Symingtons in being the first wine company in Portugal to become a **certified B Corporation** – committing the organisation to the highest standards of social and environmental performance. Credit was also given to the company’s wide-ranging sustainability strategy – **Mission 2025** – and to sixteen individual social and environmental impact initiatives launched during 2019.

The company was also Commended for **The Amorim Sustainability Award**, which recognises the efforts of companies who are demonstrating leadership in employing the most efficient and effective sustainable practices throughout their operations.

*“We have a long history of initiatives focused on the social and environmental wellbeing of our region, and these awards reflect this commitment. As with every company in the world today, we have an environmental footprint. We know our business will only have a positive long-term future if our climate is stable, our ecosystems are clean and the communities we work with are resilient and healthy. Our commitment to the future is to take responsibility for our impact and do our utmost to respond to the big shared challenges of our time.” - **Rob Symington, Associate Director***

About the Awards

The Drinks Business Green Awards are the world’s leading programme to raise awareness of green issues in the drinks trade and recognise and reward those who are leading the way in sustainability and environmental performance. The 2019 shortlist included many internationally renowned companies including Concha y Toro, Marks & Spencer, Pernod Ricard, Fetzer Wines, and Torres.

More information: <https://www.thedrinksbusiness.com/2019/12/the-drinks-business-green-awards-2019-winners/2/>

ABOUT SYMINGTON FAMILY ESTATES

The Symingtons of Scottish, English and Portuguese descent have been Port producers in northern Portugal since 1882. For 5 generations they have combined their passion for producing fine wines and Ports with a deep commitment to the region's land and people. Today, ten Symingtons work across their four Port houses: Graham's, Cockburn's, Dow's and Warre's, as well as their Douro wine brands – Quinta do Vesuvio, Quinta do Ataíde, Altano and Prats & Symington (producers of Chryseia). In 2017 they launched a new venture, Quinta da Fonte Souto, in the Alto Alentejo.

Symington Family Estates is a leading premium Port producer and the leading vineyard owner in the Douro valley, with 26 Quintas covering 2,462 hectares and 1,114 ha of vineyard. All their vineyards are sustainably managed under a minimum intervention certification and 130 ha are organically farmed, the largest area of organic vineyard in northern Portugal. The family have invested significantly in viticulture R&D to adapt to climate change and have an ambitious sustainability plan, with a series of goals under the banner of Mission 2025. In 2019 the company became a certified B Corporation – the first wine company in Portugal to take this step – joining a global community of businesses audited for the highest standards of social and environmental responsibility, committed to using business as a force for good.

For more information:

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Certified



**This company meets the
highest standards of social
and environmental impact**

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