

Accolade Wines
Packaged/Bulk wine and formulated
beverages

Qualifying Explanatory Statement
in support of the
Achievement of and ongoing
commitment to carbon neutrality

Application Period: 1st January 2020 – 31st December 2020

Date: 02/04/24

1. Executive summary

This document is the Qualifying Explanatory Statement (QES) which provides information in support of the declaration that Accolade Wines:

1. has achieved carbon neutrality for a selection of its wine brands and formulated beverages marketed as part of its EU portfolio, from the period commencing 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020; and
2. is committed to maintaining carbon neutrality for 46 brands within the EU portfolio.



Derek Nicol

Regional Managing Director, Europe

2nd April 2024

2. General information

General information	Information Relating to the Carbon Neutral Declaration
Entity making Carbon Neutrality declaration:	Accolade Wines
Subject of Carbon Neutrality declaration:	<p>Accolade Wine's wine brands imported in bulk, flavoured wine and ginger beer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australia: Banrock Station, Berri Estates, Between Thorns, Hardys, Stowells, Short Mile Bay, Grant Burge (Barossa Ink), Jam Shed, Starve Dog Lane, The Busselton Boys• New Zealand: Mud House, Waipara Hills, Dusky Sounds, Haymaker• South Africa: Kumala, Stowells, Bespoke• Chile: Anakena, Echo Falls, Jack Rabbit, Stowells, Gran Tierra• USA: Echo Falls, Wicked Lady, Turner Road, Stowells, Jack Rabbit• Europe – Spain: Echo Falls, El Zondaz, Corrida• Europe – Italy: Stowells, Jack Rabbit, Echo Falls, Da Luca• Europe – Germany: Stowells• Echo Falls Fruit Fusions (blended wine with additional ingredients, South Africa & Spain)• Echo Falls Blends (blended wine, South Africa & USA)• Ginger Joe (ginger beer, UK) <p>Accolade Wine's wine brands imported packaged:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia: Hardys, Reynella, Houghton, Bay of Fires, Brookland Valley, Hardys Tintara, Starve Dog Lane, Leasingham, Grant Burge, Petaluma, Croser, St Hallett, Stonier, Knappstein, Hardys 0% • Europe – Italy: Sette Bello, Da Luca, Jack Rabbit, Dusky Sounds • New Zealand: Mud House • South Africa: Flagstone Winery, Kumala, Jack Rabbit, Fish Hoek, Featherstone • Chile: Anakena • USA: Echo Falls
Description of Subject:	<p>Bulk wine: Wines produced in Australia, New Zealand, Chile, South Africa, USA, Italy, Germany and Spain. Grapes grown at various vineyards, and wine then produced at wineries in the respective countries. Wine transported in bulk to the UK where it is packaged at The Park in Bristol, then is distributed to the EU including the UK. Each bulk wine brand is made from 100% of wine from one of these COO's. The blended wines are a mixture of wines from South Africa, USA and European wine.</p> <p>Ginger Joe is a ginger beer which is produced and bottled in the UK.</p> <p>Imported Packaged: Wines produced in Australia, New Zealand, Chile, South Africa, USA, Italy and Germany. Grapes grown at various vineyards, and wine then produced at wineries in the respective countries. The wine is then bottled at the wineries of production or transported a small distance to a local packing facility in COO. The packaged wine is then transported to The Park in Bristol from COO, and then distributed to EU countries including the UK. Each imported packaged wine brand is made from 100% of wine from one of these COO's.</p> <p>Accolade Wines wish to certify these all brands as carbon neutral in order to communicate to their customers and stakeholders the sustainability values of their company.</p>
Boundary:	Cradle-to-Grave
Type of conformity assessment:	Independent third-party certification (see Annex 2)
Baseline date for Carbon Neutrality programme:	<p>1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019</p> <p>1st January 2020 – 31st December (for new products that entered the EU market within this year)</p>
Individuals responsible for evaluation and provision of data necessary for declaration:	<p>Emma Gibson – Sustainability Manager</p> <p>Lucy Ramsay – Head of Sustainability</p>

3. Declaration of achievement of carbon neutrality

	Information relating to the carbon neutral declaration
Declaration of achievement:	Carbon neutrality of Accolade Wine’s wine brands and formulated beverages sold across Europe will have achieved Carbon Neutrality at March 2024 for the period commencing 1 st January 2020, certified by the Carbon Trust.
Carbon offsets purchased	238,767 tCO ₂ e See Annex 1 for further details.

Carbon footprint summary

Carbon Footprint <i>(for latest footprinting year)</i>	Information relating to the carbon neutral declaration
Total Carbon Footprint	The total emissions for all products sold in the boundary is as follows: 238,767 tCO ₂ e.
Description of the standard and methodology used to determine GHG emissions and reductions	The methodology for calculating the carbon footprint was as follows in accordance with the requirements of GHG Protocol Product Standard, PAS 2050.

Carbon reduction

	Information relating to the carbon neutral declaration
Reductions achieved	The carbon footprint reductions between the current carbon footprint and the baseline period are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reduction range is between 0.80% - 3% for bulk wines. • A large contributor to the reduction in emissions for bulk wines was the introduction of renewable energy at The Park.
Baseline period	1 st January 2019 – 31 st December 2019
Confirmation that there has been no change to the definition of the subject	There has been no change to the core method of wine and formulated beverages production across the brands listed above. The supply chain production process has remained the same since the previous year. New brands have been introduced and therefore haven’t yet achieved a reduction.

<p>Description of the means by which reductions have been achieved and any applicable assumptions or justifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First full year with 100% renewably sourced electricity at our UK manufacturing facility: 51% from the on-site wind turbine, remainder from certificated renewable grid supply. • Collaboration with a supplier and customer to bring a 10-bottle pack to the market, improving load-fill and reducing corrugated material use. • Within the UK manufacturing facility, completed the replacement of the bottle conveyors with a dry system that does not require continual lubrication, resulting in reductions in water consumption, chemical use and electricity. • Replaced WoT multi material bag and black tap with single material (EVOH) bag and white plastic tap, allowing for onward recycling rather than incineration.
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Carbon offsets

	Information Relating to the Carbon Neutral Declaration
<p>Offset methodology</p>	<p>Verified Carbon Standard and Clean Development Mechanism.</p>
<p>Offset Confirmation</p>	<p>The offsets generated represent genuine, additional GHG emission reductions elsewhere. Projects involved in delivering offsets meet the criteria of additionality, permanence, leakage and double counting. Carbon offsets are verified by an independent third-party verifier. The credits from the selected carbon offset projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only issued after the emission reduction has taken place. • supported by publicly available project documentation on a registry which provides information about the offset project, quantification methodology and validation and verification procedures. • stored and retired in an independent and credible registry.
<p>Offsets</p>	<p>Full details of the carbon offsets included in making this declaration are provided in Annex 1.</p>

Carbon management plan

Requirement	Information Relating to the Carbon Neutral Declaration
<p>Planned means of achieving avoided GHG emissions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to be completed on introducing other non-glass formats to the portfolio, such as PET bottles. Formats such as this provide improved-load fill compared to a round glass bottle and being lighter will reduce transport related GHG emissions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking to install electric vehicle charging points at our UK manufacturing facility, thus avoiding GHG emissions associated with company directly funded employee travel. • Continue to increase the number of pallets loaded onto outgoing delivery vehicles, thus reducing the number of deliveries on the roads, which reduces congestion and also leads to less transport related CO₂e emissions annually.
<p>The offset strategy to be adopted for residual emissions</p>	<p>See Annex 1.</p>

Annex of Qualifying Explanatory Statement

Annex 1: Offsets

The below information relates to the compensation of residual emissions (i.e. offsetting):

The volume of emissions reduced or sequestered via carbon offsetting corresponds to the residual emissions of the products in question. It has been confirmed the offsets have been retired on a public registry to avoid double accounting. The internal process for ensuring there is no double accounting of offsets is as follows:

Project name	Country	Project type	Standard	Type of credits	Total credits	Generation period	Retirement date	Reference No. & link to registry	Offset volume (tCO ₂ e)	Offset Price	Justification for choice of offset
North Cape Wind Farm	South Africa	Renewable Energy	VCS	Avoided Emissions	12,683	2019	28/03/24	VCS1950 Verra Search Page	12,683	£5.00	Due to having one of our key wineries in South Africa, we are wanting to help support the avoidance/reduction of GHG emissions through renewable energy projects.
Clean Power Portfolio, Global South	India	Renewable Energy	VCS	Avoidance/Reduction	100,000	2022	28/03/24	VCS1560 Verra Search Page	5,669	£1.29	To help support the avoidance/reduction of GHG emissions through renewable energy projects.
Clean Power Portfolio, Global South	India	Renewable Energy	VCS	Avoidance/Reduction	20,415	2021	28/03/24	VCS1257 Verra Search Page	20,415	£1.29	To help support the avoidance/reduction of GHG emissions through renewable energy projects.
Hunan Hydro Power, China	China	Renewable Energy	CDM	Avoidance/Reduction	167,583	2013	28/03/24	CDM2842 CDM: Hunan Xiaotan Hydropower Project (unfccc.int)	167,583	£4.13	To help support the avoidance/reduction of GHG emissions through renewable energy projects.
Hunan Hydro Power, China	China	Renewable Energy	CDM	Avoidance/Reduction	32,417	2013	28/03/24	CDM2993 CDM: China Njaoerchao Hydropower Project (unfccc.int)	32,417	£4.13	To help support the avoidance/reduction of GHG emissions through renewable energy projects.
Total tonnes (tCO₂e) offset									238,767		



Certificate of Verified Carbon Unit (VCU) Retirement

Project Name

VCU Serial Number

Additional Certifications



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Transaction Details

Transaction details appear below.

Transaction ID	AU32994
Current Status	Completed (4)
Status Date	29/03/2024 04:07:45 (AEDT) 28/03/2024 17:07:45 (GMT)
Transaction Type	Cancellation (4)
Transaction Initiator	Kennedy, Amelia Jean
Transaction Approver	Butler, Caitlin Primrose Mary
Comment	Retired by Climate Impact Partners on behalf of Accolade Wines Limited

Transferring Account

Account Number	AU-2931
Account Name	Natural Capital Partners Americas, LLC
Account Holder	Natural Capital Partners Americas, LLC

Acquiring Account

Account Number	AU-2764
Account Name	Voluntary Cancellation – CP2
Account Holder	Commonwealth of Australia

Transaction Blocks

Party	Type	Transaction Type	Original CP	Current CP	ERF Project ID	NGER Facility ID	NGER Facility Name	Safeguard	Kyoto Project #	Vintage	Expiry Date	Serial Range	Quantity
CN	CER	Kyoto Voluntary Cancellation	2	2					CN-2842			1,136,367,931 - 1,136,535,513	167,583
CN	CER	Kyoto Voluntary Cancellation	2	2					CN-2993			1,134,809,458 - 1,134,841,874	32,417

Annex 2: Independent third-party assurance



CARBON TRUST

Certificate of Achievement Accolade Wines

has achieved carbon neutrality and is committed to on-going carbon neutrality of the total carbon footprint of its

Packaged/Bulk wine and formulated beverages

Anakena	Echo Falls	Gran Tierra	Leasingham
Arras	Echo Falls blends	Grant Burge	Mud House
Banrock Station	Echo Falls Fruit	Hardys	Petaluma
Bay of Fires	Fusions	Tintara	Reynella
Berri Estates	Echo Falls seltzers	HayMaker	Sette Bello
Bespoke	El Zondaz	Houghton	Short Mile Bay
Between Thorns	Featherstone	Jack Rabbit	St Hallett
Brookland Valley	Fish Hoek	Jam Shed	Starve Dog Lane
Busselton Boys	Flagstone Winery	Knappstein	Stonier
Corrida	Ginger Joe	Kumala	Stowells
Croser		Kumala blends	Turner Road
Da Luca			Waipara Hills
Dusky Sounds			Wicked Lady

Carbon Trust Assurance Limited certifies that Accolade Wines has calculated the carbon footprint representing specified Packaged/Bulk wine and formulated beverages Cradle-to-Grave Business-to-Consumer and marketed in 55 geographical areas.

A detailed list of certified results can be found in the associated Certification Letter CERT-13668

Awarded: 9th September 2021

Valid Until: 8th September 2022

for and on behalf of Carbon Trust Assurance Ltd,

Martin Hockaday,
Head of Assurance



Carbon Neutral Label

Accolade Wines

has achieved carbon neutrality and is committed to on-going carbon neutrality of the total carbon footprint of its

Packaged/Bulk wine and formulated beverages

Carbon Trust Assurance has certified that this project has met all of the requirements for using the Carbon Trust Carbon Neutral Label.



A full description of the scope of certification and a detailed list of certified results can be found in the associated Certification Letter CERT-13668.

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