

WILD LOT DISTILLERY

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

At Wild Lot Distillery, we are committed to weaving sustainability into every facet of our operations, recognising our responsibility to the environment, society, and governance. As a start-up micro distillery nestled in a rural setting, we embrace the unique opportunity to craft exceptional spirits while treading lightly on the Earth. Our journey is defined by a dedication to responsible production, resource consciousness, and a profound respect for the well-being of our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

Accelerating innovation
and transparency

Achieving net positive
environmental impacts

Being a partner for impact

Our commitment to sustainability drives us forward, shaping every bottle we produce, every partnership we forge, and every decision we make. By embodying these values, we aim to raise the bar for the distilling industry and contribute to a brighter, more sustainable future.

Sector	Material Topics	Goals	SDGs
ENVIRONMENT <i>Efficient use of resources and energy to support a healthy and sustainable environment</i>	Packaging innovation	- Commit to 100% plastic-free packaging - Choose packaging materials made from recycled materials; tapes, paper, cardboard, and stickers, are fully compostable and natural adhesives whenever possible - Choose biodegradable labels made from sugarcane, these labels break down naturally, reducing waste and environmental impact - Create QR codes that link to online resources about our sustainability efforts, allowing customers to learn more about our practices (include on-label or marketing material) - Incorporate elements into packaging that customers can reuse, i.e.. recipe card - Opt for a minimalist design that uses less ink and materials.	 
	Resource Conservation <i>Recognition that natural resources are limited and that we're straining the planet's natural capacity</i>	We aim to minimise water usage and energy consumption throughout the production process - Implement energy-efficient equipment and processes to reduce energy consumption by 25% within 2 years - Reduce water consumption per unit of production by 25% within 2 years - Recycle cooling water - Within 3 years implement heat recovery systems to capture and reuse heat generated during distillation processes - Investigate refill programs for customers bottles to reduce packaging waste and promote customer engagement - Offer sustainable merchandise, such as reusable glassware, and apparel made from organic materials - Choose sustainable packaging for customers purchases including merchandise, such as recycled or biodegradable	  
	Sustainable Sourcing	We are dedicated to sourcing our ingredients locally whenever possible, thereby supporting local agriculture and reducing transportation emissions	



SOCIAL <i>Committing to our people and the local economy and community</i>	Gender Equality <i>As a female distiller, I am committed to empowering and advancing gender equality within the distilling industry and related sectors.</i>	While staff hiring opportunities are limited in our current stage, I will actively contribute to the cause in other ways. - Collaborate with education facilitators to deliver guest lectures or workshops on distillation and beverages, inspiring the next generation of women professionals, within 3 years - Participate in local community events or organisations supporting women's entrepreneurship, contributing 100 hours within 2 years - Look for cross-industry initiatives with wine, brewing and hospitality sectors to promote gender diversity,	 
	Social Responsibility	- Implement harm minimisation strategies to ensure our patrons can enjoy our products responsibly this includes proactive measures such as offering low or non-alcoholic beverages, educating quality over quantity, promoting hydration - Prioritise the health and safety of our team members through continuous improvement strategies, highlighting ongoing training efforts in responsible service practices and incident management.	 
	Best Practices	- Actively engage in sustainability education programs, including participation in the Innovation Cluster Sustainability Program, CSIRO Innovate to Grow and pursue similar courses to continuously update our knowledge and skills - Offer guided tours of the distillery that highlight sustainable practices, explain the processes we've implemented to minimise impact - Use our cellar door as an educational platform to inform customers about our sustainable practices and encourage them to adopt similar behaviours - We will create a dedicated section on our website where we will publish the annual sustainability progress report, share articles, industry trends, videos, infographic about sustainable distillation, responsible consumption, and eco-friendly choices.	  
GOVERNANCE <i>Being at the forefront of Government regulation and managing ESG risk</i>	Transparency <i>Our commitment to transparency ensures that we continually seek and adopt the best sustainable practices and equipment available in the distilling industry</i>	- Regularly share updates on our sustainability journey, achievements, setbacks, lessons learned, and plans for improvement. Publish annual sustainability progress report - Investigate third-party green certifications to pursue, engage within 12 months of operation - Thereafter, maintain compliance rate	 
	Strategic partnerships <i>We are dedicated to nurturing not only environmental and social progress but also economic growth within our community</i>	- Collaborate with local businesses and community organisations to identify opportunities for economic growth. Facilitate 3 partnerships within 2 years to contribute to job creation and local prosperity - Establish partnerships with key suppliers to jointly drive sustainability initiatives throughout the supply chain.	

We utilise the sustainability frameworks and reporting standards set by:

- GRI <https://www.globalreporting.org>
- SASB Standards – Alcoholic Beverages http://www.sasb.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/CN0202_Alcoholic_Beverages_Standard.pdf?hsCtaTracking=8950e8c8-252f-4a2f-bb80-b23bc8d6547c%7Ca76ea41e-cf29-4fd5-a7ac-043099317a1e
- Sustainable Development Goals <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>
- ACCC Draft Guidance for Business: Environmental & Sustainability Claims https://www.accc.gov.au/system/files/Environmental%20and%20sustainability%20claims%20-%20draft%20guidance%20for%20business_web.pdf
- Captivating Capital, The Small Business Guide to Sustainable Business Practices <https://www.cultivatingcapital.com/sustainable-business-practices/>

