

Our Sustainable Packaging Statement

Berton Vineyards is committed to ensure consumer packaging is designed to make efficient use of resources and reduce environmental impacts without compromising product quality and safety.

For information regarding waste management and disposal please refer to our waste management policy and program.

Policy and Regulation

Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO)

The APCO is a co-regulatory, not for profit organisation partnering with government and industry to reduce the environmental impact of packaging in Australian communities.

Berton Vineyards has been a member of APCO since 2019.

Broad Objectives

As a signatory of the APCO, our direct aim is to minimise our impact on the environment regarding packaging operations. Our packaging is reviewed annually while considering Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPG's) and the hierarchy of control. Berton's also considers the sustainability values of suppliers and nurtures open communication and transparency with them.

Berton's has a long-term goal of achieving 100% recoverability of front facing consumer (FFC) packaging in the future. Challenges that we face in achieving this is recovery infrastructure, packaging innovation, and food safety and quality.

The 10 Sustainable Packaging Principles & Hierarchy of Control

1. Design for recovery;
2. Optimise material efficiency;
3. Design to reduce product waste;
4. Eliminate hazardous materials;
5. Use recycled materials;
6. Use renewable materials;
7. Design to minimise litter;
8. Design for transport efficiency;
9. Design for accessibility; and
10. Provide consumer information on sustainability.



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Our Position

Berton Vineyards has a close relationship with its suppliers and values a whole of supply chain approach to its packaging. We value and purchase from suppliers that practice sustainability and champion packaging stewardship.

Our Packaging

Front Facing Consumer Packaging

- Types of packaging:
 - o Bottled wine:
 - Glass Bottles
 - Aluminium screw cap lids
 - Corks (Few export markets only)
 - Labels – Paper, tin, UV inks and coatings
 - o Cask wine
 - Cardboard
 - Inks and coatings
 - Scholle bags
 - Tap made from High Density Polyethylene
- Labelling
 - o Recycling and Sustainability Information

Business to Business Packaging (B2B)

- Pallets – using closed-loop collaborative systems
- Replas Slipsheets used for export which are made from recyclable materials and are designed for reuse.
- Soft Plastic – used to protect product being received & transported
- Cardboard – cases which hold 6 or 12 bottles and are almost always discarded at customer's business – seldom the consumer. This means that the business will usually have access to cardboard only recycling – increasing the likelihood of recycling and reducing the possibility of contamination.
- Paper – order forms and information attached to product pallet deliveries

Food Quality and Safety

Quality and food safety are prioritised when considering our packaging.

Berton Vineyards is committed to the design and manufacture of products able to meet the conflicting demands of the market regarding performance and cost, consumer protection and the environment. Steps will be taken to minimise the adverse environmental impacts of our packaging across the packaging and recovery chains without compromising the ability of the packaging to perform its role in our business.

Innovative product stewardship needs to be proved to be safe and reliable before considering a change in material use or supplier.

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Supplier Engagement: Glass

O-I shows a commitment to sustainability by taking a whole value chain approach to glass production, publishing a sustainability report and their progress while engaging and collaborating with customers.

Berton Vineyards has been able to make significant achievements because of O-I's commitment to packaging sustainability and innovation. The "Lean and Green" initiative was set up by O-I to achieve a reduction of the weight of glass bottles. Lighter bottles result in a significant reduction of water and energy use per bottle. In addition to this transport becomes more efficient and a reduction in CO2 is achieved.

The use of the narrow neck bottle with the blow and press method has resulted in a bottle up to 28% lighter than their predecessors. More than 55% of our wine is now sold in the lightweight bottle.

Glass is a very sustainable material. I-O achieves a 49% average recycled content for glass containers manufactured in Australia. Glass is infinitely recyclable and does not lose its value, although it must be combined with some virgin materials to hold integrity. For every 1kg of recycled glass, 1.2kg of virgin raw materials are saved.

Supplier Engagement: Cardboard

VISY shows a whole value chain approach to cardboard production, has a publicly available environmental policy and publishes their APCO annual report for public viewing and is committed to product stewardship.

Our Packaging Review Process:

- 1) Review our packaging against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines
- 2) Review packaging against the Hierarchy of Control
- 3) Engage with suppliers about the sustainability of their products
- 4) If other packaging options are available, complete an assessment of changing over – ensuring that food quality/safety, product integrity and economic viability are heavily considered.
- 5) Implement packaging optimisation – If changes are unsubstantiated, document the reason the packaging was not changed.
- 6) Look at our performance against our APCO Action Plan commitments and our own five-year plan annually.