



HAWKE'S BAY WINE
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Climate Change Policy

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Hawke's Bay Winegrowers' Association Inc. ('HBWG') is the industry-good body representing the interests of all commercial winemakers and grape growers in Hawke's Bay.

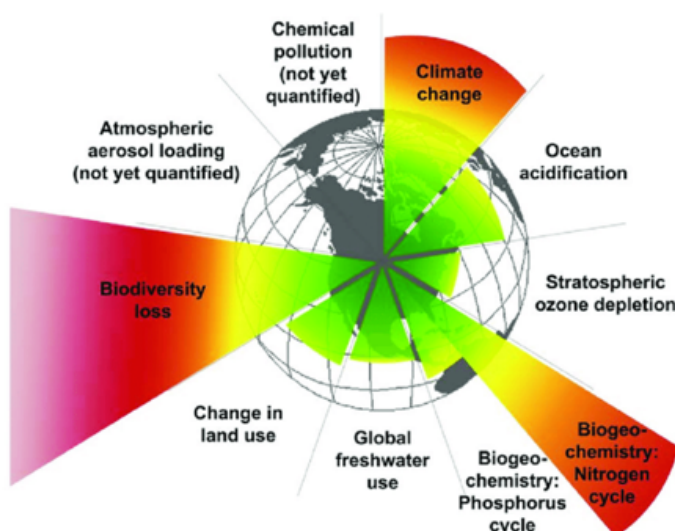
HBWG acknowledges that:

- Human-induced climate change is an existential threat to human society that requires an urgent response.
- HBWG has a duty to contribute fairly and measurably to New Zealand's Zero Carbon 2050 climate change goals and to demonstrate climate leadership.
- Winegrowing is especially vulnerable to climate change impacts, due to the particular sensitivity of the grapevine and of wine quality to relatively small changes in climate.
- The HB wine industry is especially vulnerable to climate change through its reliance both on exports and on international wine tourism.
- Conversely, the HB wine industry has particular strengths and a particular contribution to offer in lowest-carbon wine and wine-tourism experiences to New Zealanders.
- Climate change is predicted to bring more extremes of both drought and rainfall to Hawke's Bay, increasing winegrowing dependence on irrigation and increasing the need for techniques to cope both with drought and with higher rainfall and humidity during the harvest season.
- Increasing climate instability is already affecting weather patterns in a way that has increased the risk of winegrowing and is likely to threaten industry viability well before longer term heating and sea-level effects become material.

HBWG adopts a staged 5-point plan to respond to climate change. HBWG will:

1. With immediate effect, incorporate climate change considerations into its' marketing and events strategy, and into all significant operational policy decisions.
2. By 30 September 2020, enrol in a carbon certification scheme (EKOS - \$560 + GST pa), measure and offset its own carbon footprint, to achieve carbon neutrality for its own operations (excluding events).
3. By 30 September 2020, ensure that all of its' operations and events are zero-waste and incorporate community co-benefits.
4. Promote and stage zero-carbon events to highlight climate responsibility, hosting at least one zero-carbon event by 28 February 2021.
5. Participate in and lead regional initiatives that address agriculture-sector climate change.

HBWG will review and update this policy in March annually to take account of progress with the plan and New Zealand's climate change response.



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