



THE INTERNATIONAL
COOL CLIMATE WINE SHOW

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA



ICCWS "Excellence in Environmental Sustainability" Award 2026

Celebrating Innovation in Sustainable
Winemaking
Sponsored by AGL

Applications Close at 5pm Monday 20th July 2026

1. Eligibility Check

To be eligible for the ICCWS Excellence in Environmental Sustainability Award 2026, applicants must meet all criteria below. Please tick all that apply:

- Australian cool climate wine producer
- Winery has entered wine in the **ICCWS 2026 Awards Show**
- Initiatives described have been implemented within the **past two financial years**

2. Contact Details

Person completing this application on behalf of the entrant

Field	Details
Name	
Position Title	
Email	
Phone Number	
Location (if different to winery address)	

3. Applicant Information

Field	Details
Winery Name	
Address	
Website (if applicable)	

4. Winery Size

Please indicate your annual wine production:



- Under 10,000 cases (12 × 750ml bottles)
- 10,000 – 100,000 cases (12 × 750ml bottles)
- Over 100,000 cases (12 × 750ml bottles)

5. Completing the Application

To give your application the best chance of success, please describe your initiatives, those undertaken in the last 3 financial years, against one or more of the categories below.

Word limits must be adhered to.

A. Sustainability Practices (20%)

Describe the key environmental sustainability practices across your vineyard, winery, and operations. This may include (but is not limited to):

- Energy use
- Water management
- Soil health
- Biodiversity
- Operational efficiencies

Response: *(Maximum 500 words)*

B. Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiatives (20%)

Outline the steps you have taken to reduce waste and improve resource recovery across your vineyard, winery, and operations.

Include recycling practices and packaging initiatives where relevant.

Response: *(Maximum 300 words)*



C. Carbon Footprint Reduction (20%)

Describe your approach to managing carbon emissions, including how emissions are measured, tracked, and reduced over time.

Important Note – Mandatory Energy Data

Please include **three years of corresponding annual data**, expressed as **MWh and GJ per 1,000 cases**, for:

- Total annual electricity used on site (including manufacturing)
- Total annual renewable energy generated on site (solar and/or wind)
- Other annual energy sources used on site (e.g. gas, diesel, petrol)

Response: *(Maximum 300 words)*

D. Sustainability Innovation (20%)

What initiatives, technologies, systems, or practices are you currently trialling or exploring to improve the future sustainability of your operations?

Response: *(Maximum 300 words)*

E. Demonstrated Commitment to Quantitative Sustainable Practices (20%)

Indicate participation in recognised Australian sustainability programs and provide relevant details, including the most recent reporting data.

- Member of [Sustainable Winegrowing Australia](#)
- Member of [Tasmanian Wine – VinØ Program](#)
- Registered to become a Member, or are a Member of another recognised program (please specify)



below)

Not currently participating in any program

Details (if applicable):

6. Supporting Documentation

Please attach supporting documentation that demonstrates your winery's commitment to sustainability. This may include certifications, photographs, reports, and data.

7. Why Should Your Winery Win This Award?

What sets your approach apart?

How would receiving this award help you build on your work and contribute to the broader Australian wine industry?

Response: *(Maximum 300 words)*

8. Consent and Declaration

Please confirm the following by ticking all boxes:

- I confirm the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge
- I consent to the judging panel reviewing this application and contacting me if required
- I authorise ICCWS to use and reproduce images and information supplied for promotional purposes
- I confirm that our winery has entered wine in the ICCWS 2026 Wine Show



Name (person completing the application):

Signature:

Date:

9. Submission Details

Please email your **completed application** and **supporting documents**, including:

- Business logo
- High-resolution images and videos relating to your sustainability initiatives

Email to:

✉ vp@internationalcoolclimatewineshow.com.au

10. Important Dates

- **Application deadline:** 5:00 pm, Monday 20 July 2026
- **Shortlisting announced:** By end of August 2026
- **Winners announced:** 18 September 2026
(at the ICCWS Awards Dinner held at the Sofitel Hotel, Melbourne and featured in industry publications)

11. Enquiries

For assistance with the application process, please contact:

✉ vp@internationalcoolclimatewineshow.com.au

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The information provided in this application is used solely for assessing eligibility and sustainability practices for the ICCWS Excellence in Environmental Sustainability Award. By applying, entrants consent to the judging panel reviewing and publishing relevant sustainability practices. All information will be handled confidentially in accordance with ICCWS [privacy policy](#).

