



Policy to Reduce Use of Single Use Plastics

Item containing Plastic	Use	Action	Status
Liquid soap dispensers	Hand washing in winery, prep room and visitor toilet	Re-use existing Carex soap dispensers and refill from 5L container. (which is re-cyclable) Also use tablets of soap.	Fully achieved.
Waste bin liners	To contain waste.  Council stipulates that waste has to be bagged before entering the black wheelie bins	Use bio-degradable bags  Most winery waste is composted, such as grape stems, pips, skins, yeast, fermentation debris, hence plastic is not used.	In progress  Fully achieved
Tea bags	To make volunteers tea at pruning, harvest & bottling	Use tea bags that do not contain plastic (e.g. Yorkshire tea) or use loose tea leaves. These are composed on site in the vineyard.	Fully achieved
Plastic, or plastic coated, drink vessels	Used for hot and cold volunteer events	Replace with ceramic mugs and glass "glasses" all cleaned by dishwasher.	Fully achieved.
Plastic, or plastic coated, plates	Used for wine tastings and volunteer events	Only use ceramic plates. These are washed and reused.	Fully achieved.
Plastic cutlery	Used for wine tastings and volunteer events	Plastic has been rarely used to date. Only metal implements will be used. These are washed and reused.	Fully achieved.
Plastic water bottles	Used for water at wine tastings and for volunteers in the vineyard.	Ceased purchasing plastic bottles of water. Glass "swing-top" bottles are filled for domestic tap water, then washed and re-used.	Fully achieved.
Disposable Wipes (which contain some plastic)	Clean tank lids and other surfaces in winery, prep room and tasting room	Replace with cotton dishcloths that will be washed at 60°C, and where necessary soaked in bleach before re-use.	Fully achieved
Plastic corks	Wine bottle closure	Not used to date. We use Diam corks which are 100% cork from sustainable forests and eventually biodegradable. Used corks offered to craftmakers.	Fully Achieved
Plastic capsules	To seal over the top of the wine bottle and cork. Prevent ascending infection creeping down between bottle neck and cork. Inexpensive.	Leaving without a seal is not an option due to risk of potential infection, and also food terrorism.  Wax seals are impractical and expensive. Lead seals are too expensive.  We will continue to investigate alternatives that might become available with market pressure.	Under investigation  Under investigation  Under investigation
Printer cartridges	To print documents	So far - no alternative!  Used cartridges will be taken to a recycling centre.	Under Investigation

Bottle Labels Even paper wine labels have a plastic coating!	To label bottles and meet requirements of trading standards. Labels have to last for tens of years in differing conditions and have the print unaltered when immersed in ice and cold water.	Continue with existing paper and polypropylene labels for the short term.  We will investigate alternatives that might become available with market pressure.	Under investigation
Carrier bags	For customers to carry wine away	Encourage customers to bring their own bags.  Use re-cycled cardboard boxes for customers at in-house wine tastings.  Use up existing stock of clear bio-degradable bags.  Investigate feasibility of fabric bags.	Fully achieved  In progress  Under investigation
Parcel tape	To seal the bottoms and tops of cardboard boxes used to store and transport wine bottles.	Minimum amount needed to be used, still enabling the boxes to be biodegradable.  Use of brown paper tape has proved impractical and unrealistic  Source boxes that can fold together without the need for tape at the bottom.	In progress
Plastic shot "glasses"	To give one off samples of different wines at trade stands	Wine tastings in house all use proper glass "glasses" which are washed and re-used.  At trade fairs and events use glass "schnapps glasses" which go in the dishwasher upon return home.  Existing stock of plastic shot glasses to be kept in reserve for emergency situations.	Fully achieved  Fully achieved  Fully achieved
Laminate sheets	To protect documents from damp and the elements.  To make documents rigid and easy to use in hand when performing wet tasks.	Single use documents will be put into wall mounted "snap max" frames or reusable plastic sleeves.  Certain instruction cards need to be laminated, however, as they are reused frequently they do not come under the classification of single use plastic.	Fully achieved
Max Tapener ties using a machine similar to a staple gun	Used in most vineyards & nurseries to secure vine shoots/canes with a plastic strip secured with a staple	Not used.  We use rubber Ancorfix ties instead which are dishwasher washable and are reused year after year.	Fully achieved

Plastic liquid containers	Winery products such as Suss reserve arrive in food grade plastic containers	Wash and reuse for other purposes, hence they are not single use plastic	Fully achieved
Shrink Wrap plastic	Wrapped around the outside of pallet deliveries	We do not use pallets for our outgoing wine and have no need for shrink wrap. Instead our boxes are all hand delivered and woman handled individually.  If incoming pallets have shrink wrap this is removed carefully and taken to the recycling centre.	Fully achieved  Fully achieved
Plastic plant pots	Used for vine cuttings and growing vegetables	Use terracotta plant pots where possible.  Re-use deep plastic "fruit cane" plant pots for vine cuttings (some are 12 years old and repeatedly reused)  Incoming plastic plant pots from garden centres will be either returned or taken to the recycling centre.	Fully achieved  Fully achieved  Fully achieved
Dog "poo bags"	Used to scoop up dog faeces.	Small trowels are available around the courtyard and vineyard so that dog faeces can be collected and either flushed down the toilet, or, put under the hedges where the faeces can biodegrade and also act as a fox deterrent.	Fully achieved

### Litter

Persons unknown throw litter onto the grass verge outside the vineyard and into the Rothley Brook. Litter is picked up from the grass verge at regular intervals and put into black or green wheelie bins.

Litter into the stream is more serious as this will eventually end up in the oceans. When the stream level is relatively low, the current quiet, the vineyard coracle is used in combination with a litter picker tool to retrieve litter from the banks of the brook. To date about 95% is plastic, mainly drinks bottles – and NONE from this vineyard!!