

Prestigious award for international wine sustainability initiative

The Porto Protocol Foundation receives “The Amorim Sustainability Award for an Organisation” from the British trade publication “The Drinks Business”, one of the most important awards for sustainable commitment in the international wine industry. The award-winning platform pools proven and innovative solutions for dealing with the effects of climate change and makes them accessible to the wine industry. It has now been recognised for this.

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With more than 250 members in 21 countries, representing 1.2 billion litres of wine and 75,000 hectares of vines, The Porto Protocol Foundation, founded by Taylor’s Port in 2018, is making an immense impact for a “better wine world”. Following the expansion of its online climate conversations, the publication of the “Unpacking Wine” and “Zero Waste Bar” guides and the launch of science talks, The Drinks Business jury recognised the “active improvement” that the platform is making for the drinks industry. It praised the “truly impressive” work on waste and packaging and the public accessibility of all resources for the wine industry as added value for society. “The Amorim Sustainability Award for an Organisation” is sponsored by Amorim, the world’s largest cork producer of Portuguese origin, and is one of the thirteen categories of The Drinks Business Green Awards.

Adrian Bridge, CEO of the Porto Protocol: “We are extremely pleased to receive this prestigious award. This is the result of hard work by a dedicated community made up of our staff, our advisory boards, technical teams, ambassadors and all the members and partners who believe in the same vision that through sharing ideas we can all learn and grow.”

All the work and resources developed by the organization are available free of charge on The Porto Protocol website. From its “Climate Talks” to its collaborative networks, documentaries, and workshops, every activity falls into one of four impact areas: “Unpacking Wine”, “Saving Every Drop”, “Restoring Ecosystems” and “Seeding Change”.

Current projects: The team of The Porto Protocol is currently working on a “Water in Wine Report” and a “Whitepaper on Sustainability & Trade”, which will be presented at the Wine Paris 2026 and ProWein 2026 fairs. Further projects include a second edition of the “Living Vineyards Tour” and a documentary with participants from this collaborative network. The next “Climate Talk” via Zoom will take place on 26 January 2026 in cooperation with the “Regenerative Viticulture Foundation”. More information and all publications at portoprotocol.com

The Drinks Business Green Awards. An internationally recognised sustainability award presented annually since 2010 by the trade publication The Drinks Business. It is recognised as an industry-wide benchmark for environmental, social and innovative achievements in the global beverage industry. The awards recognise companies, products, initiatives and individuals in clearly defined categories (including biodiversity, packaging, energy, logistics and business).
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The Drinks Business. An international B2B trade medium for the global drinks industry (wine, spirits, beer), founded in 2002, based in London (UK) and published by Union Press Ltd; editor-in-chief is Patrick Schmitt MW. The medium is published monthly as a print magazine and operates a highly frequented online platform with newsletters, supplemented by international offshoots. The global reach is around 800,000+ readers/unique users per month and is primarily aimed at decision-makers from the retail, production, catering and industry sectors. thedrinksbusiness.com

The Porto Protocol Foundation was established by Taylor's Port in 2018 with the aim of accelerating climate action in the wine world. To this end, the network provides solutions, facilitates the exchange of practical knowledge and fosters collaboration. It comprises over 250 members from all over the world, including research institutes such as Geisenheim University in Germany, producers like Château Maris in France, Spier Wine Farm in South Africa, Emiliana Organic Vineyards in Chile or the European winegrowers' group respekt-BIODYN, as well as companies and organizations from other sectors in the wine delivery chain. Regional representatives such as Sylvia Petz in Austria are in regular exchange with the core team and contribute across various areas of expertise. Through initiatives like the “Living Vineyards Tour 2025” and the

“Unpacking Wine Guide”, published in 2024, The Porto Protocol empowers the industry to take a leading role in sustainability. Committed new members and sponsors are invited to join the community. portoprotocol.com

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The Porto Protocol at these fairs:
Wine Paris, 9 to 11 February
at the Sustainability in Drinks stand: 7.1 | G 231
and at the Fladgate Family Wines stand 4 | D 141

ProWein in Düsseldorf, 15 to 17 March

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