



## PRESS RELEASE

### PREVIEW OF THE BOTTEGA S.p.A. SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

"In an increasingly worrying climate context, the Bottega company continues to invest in environmental sustainability, with the awareness that a green company must set increasingly ambitious goals, in order to become a benchmark for its sector. In this case, emulation by competitors is not only welcome, but is encouraged in the interest of all. From the point of view of economic sustainability, 2022 was a year of strong growth for our Bottega company, thanks to the continued success of Prosecco in Italy, but especially internationally. Our turnover exceeded the remarkable figure of 86 million euros, registering a significant growth of +30% compared to 2021. Undoubtedly, exports are the driving force, which for us represent 90% of all our products". This was stated by Sandro Bottega, president of the company based in Bibano di Godega (TV).

Bottega then presents some anticipations of the most salient data of its Sustainability Report 2022, which is being put down on paper in these days and will be published next July. In detail, the following points emerge:

- Reduced water consumption from 4.4 litres in 2021 to 2.31 litres in 2022 per litre of wine produced.
- Water used for geothermal energy reduced from 314,140 m<sup>3</sup> in 2021 to 230,147 m<sup>3</sup> in 2022. Due to the high winter temperatures, heating was used to a more limited extent. We also modulated the air conditioning according to the number of people in the office. In each case, the groundwater taken is then fed back into the cycle.
- Introduction of advanced systems that purify 100% of the cooling water of the compressor systems, for a total of 7,410 litres/year used. It should therefore be emphasised that the water remains pure at the end of the cycle.
- Reduction in the consumption of electricity required to produce one litre of wine, grappa and liqueur. In detail, this has gone from 0.29 kWh in 2020, to 0.23 kWh in 2021, to 0.18 kWh in 2022 for each litre of wine, grappa or liqueur produced. A large part of this energy is self-generated with photovoltaic systems to the extent of 40 per cent. An expansion is also planned, which will presumably lead to an increase of up to 80% in the months between April and October.
- Reduced consumption of detergents: -43% in 2022
- Reduced nitrogen consumption: -32% in 2022

Some important Bottega specific features with a high green value are not included in the sustainability report. These include: the recycling of siliconised paper (RafCycle programme), the use of dark bottles produced with at least 50% recycled glass, the exclusive use of FSC Mix certified cardboard and catalogues, the choice of water-based paint for metallised bottles, the cultivation of vineyards according to organic farming criteria, the use of recycled plastic collected in the oceans, and the suggestion to reuse some bottles as furniture or as water jugs.

Bottega has also started tracking the environmental impact of its main suppliers (packaging, transport, etc.), so as to stimulate them to continue along this path.

### **Bottega**

The Bottega company, which has four centuries of history in the world of wine and grappa, is both a winery and a distillery. It is based in Bibano di Godega (TV), 50 km north of Venice, where it produces grappas, wines and liqueurs. The grappas include fine selections of single varietals and

barrique-aged distillates. The Bottega wine range includes Prosecco, including the well-known Bottega Gold, and other sparkling wines with great personality. In two separate cellars, in Valpolicella and Montalcino, Amarone, Ripasso, Brunello di Montalcino and other great reds are produced. Bottega's range of fruit and cream liqueurs completes the offer. The company distributes its products in 155 countries worldwide.

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