Equalitas Certification for Casale del Giglio: a strategic step in the company’s long-term sustainability journey

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Casale del Giglio, a winery based in Lazio, has earned the Equalitas certification, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability across environmental, economic, and social dimensions. By adopting integrated farming practices, reducing water and chemical use, and fostering biodiversity, the company continues its long-term investment in responsible winemaking while enhancing employee well-being and supporting local communities.

For decades, Casale del Giglio has been at the forefront of winemaking experimentation, and the recent achievement of the Equalitas certification demonstrates the company's ongoing commitment to a broader sustainability strategy, aligned with the highest national standards.

Its vineyards in the Agro Pontino, spanning 180 hectares of land arranged in a horseshoe shape around the company's core estate, are cultivated with the utmost respect for nature, adhering to sustainable and ecological farming practices and operating with the rigor required by current regulations. In its quest to enhance sustainable agricultural production, the estate's vineyards are also certified under the regional SQNPI (Sistema di Qualità Nazionale Produzione Integrata : National Quality System for Integrated Production) standards.

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However, responsible and conscious management of natural resources is just one aspect of sustainable agriculture. The company's involvement in the EQUALITAS Project underscores its strategic commitment to all three "pillars" of sustainability: environmental, economic, and social/ethical.

Casale del Giglio's decision to pursue the EQUALITAS Certification stems from the foresight that has guided the company for 110 years, since the inception of its business venture. This decision reflects not only ecological sensibility but also the social and human values that have always inspired the company's governance. "We cannot imagine an approach that isn't sustainable, beginning with absolute respect for our land, where the grapes for our wines are grown, to investing in resources—energy, human, and technological—that we consider fundamental to ensuring the expected quality of our products," said Antonio Santarelli, CEO of Casale del Giglio. "Research and winemaking experimentation are embedded in our company's DNA; we will

therefore continue to study and invest in improving our organization with an increasingly sustainable approach.”

Casale del Giglio has implemented agricultural practices aimed at reducing the use of water and chemical resources. Through drip irrigation systems and technologies that monitor soil water capacity, the company optimizes water use, a resource that is becoming increasingly limited, while ensuring the efficient use of fertilizers through targeted sowing and crop rotations. Particular attention is also paid to biodiversity conservation.

The company has created ecological buffer zones, such as a pond and natural hedges, which encourage the presence of pollinators and beneficial fauna to support the sustainability of the vineyard ecosystem. All plant treatment operations are carried out according to integrated pest management criteria, reducing the use of chemical products and favoring natural solutions, such as microorganisms. These practices not only ensure the quality of the grapes but also significantly reduce the company’s overall environmental impact.

The company constantly invests in energy, human, and technological resources to improve production efficiency and maintain the quality of its wines. In 2023, substantial investments were made in new equipment and in optimizing production processes, such as upgrading wine processing machinery, acquiring new barriques, and installing control systems for managing must cooling.

The company continuously invests in employee training and their well-being, offering bonuses and rewards, also extending benefits to their families. Creating a work environment that fosters professional growth and personal well-being is not only a strong ethical responsibility but also the best foundation for company stability.

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Casale del Giglio is committed to providing equal opportunities to its employees, fostering a stimulating and family-like corporate atmosphere where open dialogue between management and staff is always encouraged. Furthermore, the company has established strong ties with local communities, promoting cultural and social activities such as the Satricum archaeological project. This commitment to the region reflects the company's philosophy of giving back to the communities and people who are connected to its business.

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Key Points:

1. **Equalitas Certification**: Casale del Giglio confirms its long-standing commitment to sustainability by obtaining the Equalitas certification, covering environmental, economic, and social aspects.
2. **Sustainable Practices**: The winery adopts innovative methods like drip irrigation, crop rotation, and integrated pest management to reduce water usage, conserve biodiversity, and lower its environmental footprint.
3. **Employee and Community Engagement**: The company

prioritizes employee well-being, offering training, bonuses, and fostering a supportive work culture, while also engaging in local community projects.

4. **Investment in Technology**: Significant investments in energy-efficient technologies and production processes ensure both high-quality wine and sustainable operations.