



DOMAINE D'AUSSIÈRES

A CORBIÈRES VILLAGE AT THE HEART OF A WILD ECOSYSTEME

Since 2022



Certified AB

Since 2015



Certified HVE

(High Environmental Value certified)

FOR A SUSTAINABLE VITICULTURE

■ The site and the involvement of the teams mean that Aussières is an emblematic site in terms of biodiversity:



Around the vineyard, 160 hectares of scrubland in the foothills of the Fontfroide massif are classified Natura 2000.

■ After a plot has been grubbed up, to strengthen the connection between the vineyard and its natural environment, hedges are integrated before any vines are replanted.

2 km

of additional hedges since 2020

■ A partnership with the LPO (Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux) has been in place for many years. Together with them, we have identified a 5.8-hectare refuge area with nesting boxes to welcome birds.

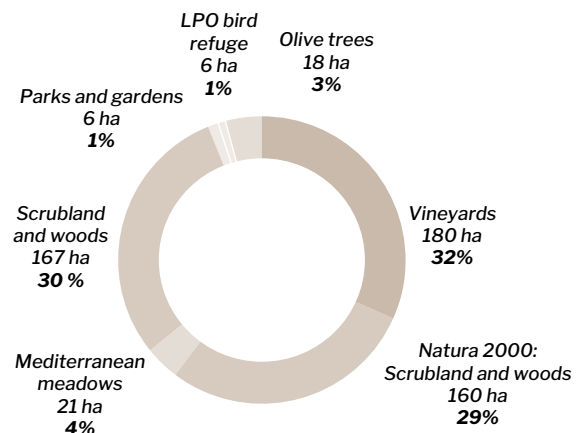
The chiropterological diagnosis (bats) carried out in 2022 will enable us to follow an action plan to promote their habitat and presence.

■ Despite very low rainfall in 2023 (only 300 mm), and the issues of water competition, plant cover will be kept to a minimum from autumn to spring.

100%

of our vineyards grassed all winter long

■ In partnership with shepherds and involved in a study project on pastoralism, the domaine hosts up to 400 ewes on 140 hectares of vineyards.



RÉPARTITION DES SURFACES EN HA

30%
vineyards

70%
nature

559 HA
ESTATE

180 HA
UNDER VINE

27
EMPLOYEES





SAVING NATURAL RESOURCES

■ To reduce water use, watering of our young plants is limited and carried out with well water. A new "autonomous" treatment plant for wine effluent using successive filtration on reed basins, effective without external intervention, will enable the filtered water to be recovered.

2.1 litres of water / 1 litre of wine
group-wide high performance results

**ratio 2023 on wine volumes
in the winery as of 12/31*



■ Our electricity is 100% under a "green" contract and the programme to renovate the buildings throughout the village is continuing with the aim of reducing our carbon emissions by 30% by 2025.

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

- From viticulture to packaging, we give preference to local suppliers (composting green waste less than 20 km away, for example).
- We've been using more environmentally friendly water-based inks on the capsules across our Aussières range since 2020, and we are working to introduce lighter bottles as well. A new kraft-backed cardboard completes the eco-design efforts.

150 t of glass
less in 2022

18%

reduction in glass weight on average

■ All the work involved in fitting out our on-site sales boutique was carried out by local craftsmen.

A CONSUMER-DRIVEN PHILOSOPHY

- Our bottling and packaging line is audited every year by a third-party organisation (HACCP certification).
- Our estate is gradually opening up to wine tourism and direct on-site sales.

SOLIDARITY ABOVE ALL

- Specialised establishments reserved for people with disabilities (ESAT) are favoured for the upkeep and surroundings of the estate and the making of nesting boxes.
- The workforce has grown by 50% since 2016 to support the estate's development.

96% of our employees
live close to Aussières*

** 4 flats occupied by our employees on the estate
and one flat for our trainees.*

- 23 employees took part in the "Climate Fresk" climate change awareness workshop in 2023.
- Among the collective activities to encourage involvement and team spirit are: Tasting workshops the packaging of olive oil, the partnership with the Fontfroide trail, and for the second time, participation in the Lafite triathlon in June 2023.
- On a more local level, more than 80% of employees are involved in "Nature" solidarity actions such as beach clean-ups or site clearing, or "Preservation of local heritage" by helping to renovate a lockkeeper's house on the Canal du Midi (South Coast).
- With the help of employees in identifying needs, the FIL (Fond d'Initiatives Lafite) has supported associations working in literacy, medical aid, and training, in particular by supporting the development of the Atelier Paysan (Farmers' workshop).

"Aussières, an ecosystem combining village, vineyards and natural areas in harmony, and natural areas in harmony, which is extended by a commitment to organic farming and a spirit of openness with the development of wine tourism."

