



To
Valentina Passalacqua Wines
Blend Wines

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Summary of Special Investigation

Vinmonopolet would like to thank Blend Wines and Valentina Passalacqua Wines for allowing our third-party independent auditor to visit the site for a Special Investigation in September 2020. We trust that this process has assisted you in identifying areas of improvement and has been a positive experience for all involved.

At this stage, Vinmonopolet has decided to continue our purchasing agreement with the importer Blend Wines on products from Valentina Passalacqua Wines, as the producer allowed access to all documents requested and the fact that the investigation did not identify, in the information gathered, any cases of use of «Caporalato» or Bonded Labour pertaining to the production of the products.

Further, Vinmonopolet have made note on Passalacqua statement on increasing focus of daily management of social and human rights issues. We are happy to hear that Valentina Passalacqua have approached a Labour Union to consult the company in organizational matters that have taken place after the investigation and that there will be held elections for workers' representatives for the company. Vinmonopolet is of the conviction that good working conditions can best be achieved when the workers' voice are being heard. As agreed upon in a meeting 13 October, Vinmonopolet will assist Passalacqua Wines in getting in contact with sustainable programs that might be of relevance for the company.

As per usual procedure, Vinmonopolet now require that Blend Wines submits a Remediation Plan to address areas of improvements at Passalacqua Wines within 60 days after the investigation. The deadline is set to 11 November 2020. We look forward to continuing this process of dialogue, monitoring and continual betterment and please feel free to contact Vinmonopolet if you need any guidance or have any questions.

Kind regards

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