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International Wineries for Climate Action Makes Strides with 4th Annual Report

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Saint Emilion Sunrise, Bordeaux Vineyard, France

International Wineries for Climate Action (IWCA) has released its 4th Annual Report, marking a significant milestone as its 50 members now represent 3.5% of the global wine production. This achievement highlights the commitment of 177 individual wineries across 13 countries to reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the wine industry. Spain accounts for 20% of the members, ranking second in membership after the United States, the home of IWCA's founding members, Familia Torres and Jackson Family Wines.

The IWCA members have pledged to achieve Net Zero Emissions by 2050, aligning with the United Nations' "Race to Zero" initiative. Each winery sets science-based targets to measure, monitor, and reduce carbon emissions throughout the wine production process. The organization underscores that climate change poses an existential threat to the global wine sector, making the journey toward decarbonization both vital and challenging.

The report identifies five critical issues facing the wine industry in this effort: extreme weather events, water management, energy self-sufficiency, accurate calculation and control of Scope 3 emissions, and the implementation of regenerative viticulture practices. These challenges are central to IWCA's ongoing work to help its members transition to more sustainable practices.

Gonzalo Muñoz, High-Level Climate Champion for the United Nations, commended IWCA's efforts, emphasizing the importance of the organization's role in reducing emissions across the winemaking process. He called on stakeholders to intensify their climate action, particularly in light of the upcoming COP30 summit, stating that this is a pivotal moment for IWCA and the broader agricultural and food sectors.

The report also highlights IWCA's commitment to transparency, showcasing the efforts of its members who are setting industry standards for sustainability. By leading through example, these wineries inspire their teams, suppliers, and communities to follow suit. Miguel A. Torres, co-founder and vice president of IWCA, reiterated the urgency of bold corporate action to address the climate crisis, emphasizing the importance of renewable energy—particularly solar power—in reducing the wine industry's carbon footprint. He reflected on IWCA's five-year journey, celebrating the progress achieved while acknowledging the work that remains to create a sustainable future for

winemaking.