



ABANDONED  
GROVE

# Impact Report 2025





# About This Report

## What this document records

This report records the agricultural, environmental, social, and educational outcomes of Abandoned Grove's 2025 harvest year.

It documents what was done, what was observed, and what resulted. Metrics are used to record care and consistency, not to define success or extend claims beyond what can be measured.

The work took place across five olive groves in Florence, Tuscany and within the communities connected to them.

*“Our philosophy is rooted in patience and the belief that excellence isn’t a luxury but the refusal to settle for anything less.”*

Fil Bucchino  
Founder & Int'l Olive Oil Expert



# 2025 at a Glance

A year of consolidation and sustained care

- 64 acres and 5052 rescued olive trees under long-term guardianship
- Ecological recovery is visible with biodiversity continuing to strengthen
- ~900 abandoned olive trees under evaluation for restoration
- Osteria Grove is fully sustained and allocated through member support
- 2,300+ hours of social agriculture work embedded in the community
- Cross-border cultural exchange through grove experiences and harvest dinners

# Governance & Accountability

The B Corp certification recognizes a business designed to create positive outcomes for the people, land, and communities it touches.



## 18.8 Governance

Governance reflects a protected mission, ethical conduct, and transparent decision-making. Formal mission lock ensures social and environmental commitments are held alongside business outcomes, preserving long-term intent.

## 67.3 Community

Community impact is centered on supply chain poverty alleviation and local economic development, created through long-term sourcing relationships, fair participation, and economic continuity within place.

## 9.6 Environment

Environmental impact is concentrated in land and life. As a non-irrigated, open-air practice, the work engages directly with natural systems rather than relying on industrial environmental management.

## 3.5 Customers

Customer relationships are grounded in product quality, transparency, and direct exchange. As an independent, food-based practice, stewardship is embedded in how the work is made and shared.



# Environmental Stewardship & Biodiversity

Measured ecological recovery

Two groves, La Torre and Balatro, participate in LIFE Olivares Vivos+, a European initiative measuring the restoration of biodiversity in olive-growing landscapes.

## Species observed across the groves in 2025:

- **49** bird species
- **18** ant species
- **25** spider species
- **12** bat species
- **8** pollinator species
- **40** species of woody vegetation
- **56** species of herbs

Biodiversity outcomes are monitored annually and reflect recovery associated with active grove management.



# Social Impact in the Grove

## People, work, and continuity

In 2025, Abandoned Grove collaborated with **ASL (Azienda Sanitaria Locale)** to provide agricultural work opportunities for individuals navigating mental health challenges, addiction recovery, or reintegration after incarceration.

Since 2014, **57** individuals have participated in **social agriculture programs** connected to the groves.

In 2025, **4** individuals contributed **2,352 hours of field work**. Seasonal transitions occurred as participants moved toward family commitments, new employment, or personal recovery.

These transitions are inherent to long-term social agriculture work and are met with continuity of care.



# The Agricultural Year

Conditions, decisions, outcomes



The 2025 season was marked by variable weather and sustained olive fly pressure.

Management emphasized monitoring over reaction. Weekly sampling and microscopic analysis guided decisions, with intervention applied only when no other outcome was possible, and never as a blanket, calendar-driven treatment across the groves.

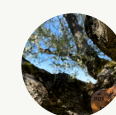
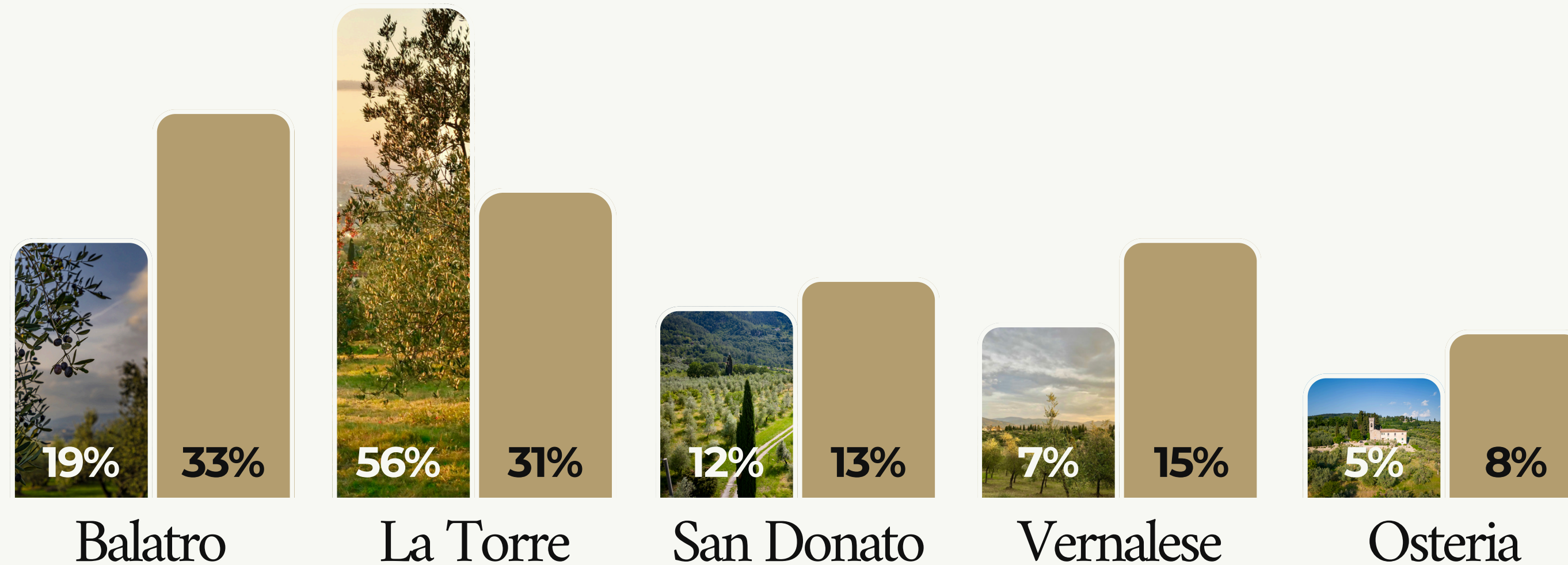
As usual, oil that did not meet our standards was not bottled and remained available for other uses within the community.

Across **5,052** trees, the harvest produced **28,759** kilograms of olives, yielding an average of **0.92** litres of oil per tree, close to the long-term average of one litre (**two 500 ml bottles**).

# 2025 Harvest Contribution by Grove

Each grove reflects distinct micro-climatic conditions. Variation is expected, preserved, and integral to the work.

No single grove defines the harvest.



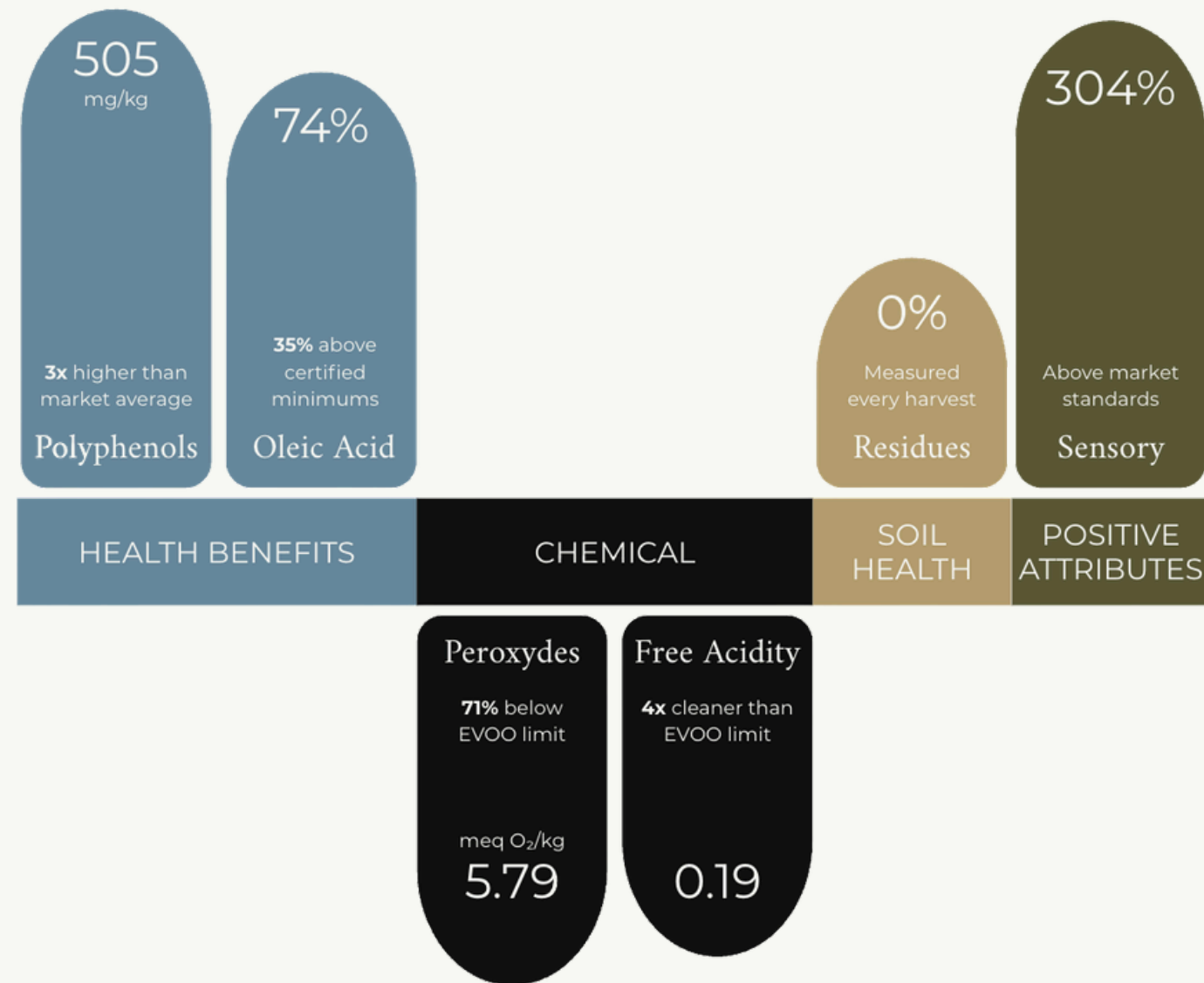
% of Total Rescued Trees



% of Season's Oil Production

# Oil Standards Held Consistency

Across fifteen harvests, results have exceeded international limits with no detectable pesticide residues.



Oil quality is evaluated through certified chemical and sensory analyses.

Metrics are presented to demonstrate consistency, not excess.



# Member participation sustains a care-based agricultural system.

Trees do not produce uniformly.  
Groves recover at different speeds.  
Weather shapes each harvest.

**Because care is supported independent of yield, work continues year-round: sustaining quality standards, providing fair income for local labour, and enabling long-term restoration commitments.**

Through this structure, Osteria grove is now fully sustained, with Vernalese grove nearing that same point.



# Out In The World

## Where the work travelled

The work entered broader public and professional conversation through print, broadcast, and cultural institutions, engaging questions of transparency, agricultural practice, restoration, and restraint.

Those conversations widened to land use, quality, craft, and food culture, grounded in work carried out in the groves.

The groves, the harvest, and shared meals remained the primary way the work moved into the world. Exchange took place across tables: chefs from the grove community travelled to North America for collaborations, while members of the North American community travelled to the groves to walk the land and witness the work firsthand.

These exchanges extended the conversation without altering how the work was done.





# Abandoned Grove



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