BEST BARREL SUPPLIER

SEGUIN MOREAU

This is the second year that Seguin Moreau has won the Best Barrel Supplier honor.

The company has a long history, dating to 1870 and 1838, respectively, when the individual Seguin and Moreau cooperages were founded. The two joined forces in 1972 under the auspices of brandy firm Remy Martin. In 1986 Seguin Moreau established full-time representation in the Napa Valley, and in the mid-1990s, Seguin Moreau Napa Cooperage was established.

Research is an important element of Seguin Moreau’s product development strategy. Since the 1980s, Seguin Moreau and the Faculty of Oenology of Bordeaux (known today as the Institut des Sciences de la Vigne et du Vin University of Bordeaux) worked together to research wine-wood interaction, which has revealed information about the importance of grain tightness, toasting and proactive maturation.

The cooperage has since partnered with universities worldwide to apply results to wineries’ barrel programs.

Seguin Moreau operates a full-time laboratory on-site, and recently expanded its research and development team. The company is also committed to sustainability, from forestry management to cooperage practices.

BEST CORK SUPPLIER

PORTOCORK AMERICA

Portocork America, which supplies natural cork to the North American wine industry, was established in 1983 through a partnership of Portocork International, based in Portugal, and Fleming Packaging Group of Napa. The partnership continued until 1996, when Portocork International acquired Portocork America.

Portocork was a founding member of the Cork Quality Council (CQC), which was established in 1993 with the goal of increasing quality standards and awareness of the benefits of natural cork. Portocork continues as an active CQC member today.

The company has developed modern production facilities to process natural cork, which it sources from company-owned and leased natural forests that have existed in Portugal for decades.

Portocork controls the cork from the time it is harvested until it arrives at clients’ wineries. To maintain quality and consistency, the company combines centuries-old natural practices and state-of-the-art production facilities, along with rigorous testing in the company’s ISO-9002 certified Portuguese facilities and its Napa facility.

BEST ALTERNATIVE CLOSURE SUPPLIER

AMCOR

Amcor’s history dates to the 1860s, when Victoria’s first paper mill was established in Melbourne, Australia. For most of its life the company was known as APM - Australian Paper Manufacturers. In the 1970s and ‘80s, it added a diverse range of packaging interests to its traditional papermaking activities by creating new business partnerships and making strategic acquisitions. In 1986, APM became Amcor Limited.

Through innovation and a focus on customer service, Amcor expanded from its Australian heritage to serve markets around the globe. Profitable organic growth and strategic acquisitions and divestments continue to change the face of Amcor and reinforce its leadership position.

Created more than 40 years ago, Amcor’s Stelvin is the original and leading screwcap wine closure. As a specialist in capsule manufacture and customization, the company’s capsule business offers a broad range of products with printing and finishing options.

Amcor is dedicated to responsible packaging, applying art and science to enhance the products people use in everyday life. Its core values emphasize safety, integrity, teamwork, social responsibility and innovation.

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