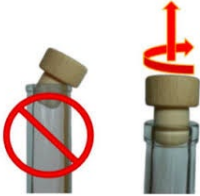


Processing Instructions

Cork Stoppers



1	Storage 	Cork stoppers should be stored in a dry, cool, and clean place (ideal temperature: 15 - 25° C, relative humidity: 50-70%). They should be used within a year. Cork stoppers with wooden caps should not be exposed to extreme temperature fluctuations and are therefore unsuitable for freezing. The resulting condensation can penetrate the wooden cap. In general, natural products like wooden caps should be protected from moisture. Once moisture penetrates the wood, it will deform (a natural process) and weaken the adhesive holding the cap. In case of painted wooden caps, there is also a risk of the paint peeling off.
2	Processing 	Several components are responsible for ensuring a defect-free sealing of the spirit: cork stoppers, bottles, filling, storage, transportation, and environmental factors. Cork stoppers are available in numerous variations, including caps made of plastic, wood, metal, and glass, and lower parts made of natural cork, colmated cork, micro-agglomerate, or plastic. The latter is mostly injected, while the other variations are glued. All glued cork stoppers consist of two components (wood/plastic handle and glued plastic/cork stopper). Therefore, when opening the bottle it is important to remove the cork stopper correctly by simultaneously twisting and pulling it. Applying a lever motion to the stopper mistakenly can lead to breakage.
3	Bottles	To ensure an optimal fit of the cork stoppers, please provide us with approximately 6 unfilled bottles in advance for measuring the bottle neck. Afterward, we will determine the required dimensions of the cork stopper lower part (diameter and length) and offer you optimal security, provided that the bottle dimensions remain unchanged.
4	Bottling, Storage, Transportation and Environmental Factors 	Please ensure the correct filling level during bottling to provide an appropriate air space between the contents and the bottom edge of the stopper. The expansion of the contents caused by temperature fluctuations can lead to excessive internal pressure, resulting in leaks and spillage. In general, all bottles sealed with cork stoppers must be stored and transported upright without exception.