



## Recommendations for Storing and Using your new Canton Barrel

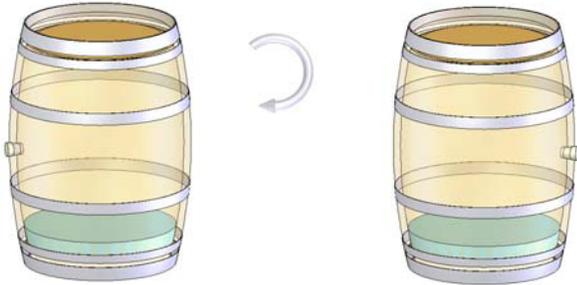
Thank you for selecting Canton barrels for your wine.

### Reception inspection

Our quality service inspects every order to ensure that it corresponds precisely to your requirements. Non-chlorinated water and oil-free air were used to test this barrel for leaks. To preserve the barrel during shipment, we introduced a small amount of SO<sub>2</sub> gas. We invite you, however, to inspect your barrels upon reception and communicate any observations you may have, either by contacting your agent or by calling the cooperage at: 270-692-9888.

### Immediate use

#### Procedure 1:



- ✓ Pour 3-5 gallons (10-15 liters) of non-chlorinated, preferably hot or warm water into the barrel.
- ✓ Move the barrel around with the bung closed, so that the water wets the entire interior surface.
- ✓ Place the barrel in a vertical position on one end for 3-12 hours.
- ✓ Turn the barrel over onto the other end for 3-12 hours.
- ✓ Empty the barrel and let the water drain out through the bung hole until there is no more water present.

If, in spite of our control processes, you observe a slight leak, it will probably close up by itself in a short time. If the leak has not closed up within 24 hours, please contact your agent or the cooperage.

### Later use

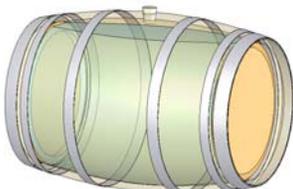
Cooperage wood reacts to its environment. Storage conditions may therefore have an impact on the barrel.

In the event of long storage periods:

- ✓ Keep the barrel in its original packaging.
- ✓ Ensure the absence of atmospheric pollution.
- ✓ Maintain air humidity at around 70%.
- ✓ Maintain a temperature of 53-60F / 12 to 15°C.
- ✓ Keep the barrel away from drafts.

If the above storage conditions are respected, the barrels can be prepared for use as in procedure 1 above. If the above storage conditions have not been met (warm and dry atmosphere), please follow procedure 2.

#### Procedure 2:



- ✓ Fill the barrel with non-chlorinated, hot or warm water.
- ✓ Leave the barrel for 24 to 48 hours.
- ✓ Empty the barrel and allow the water to drain out through the bung hole until there is no more water present.