

#### ANTECO SARL

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# PRACTICAL ADVICE



NOTA: We check our barrels twice, with water and pressure. We recommend that barrels are prepared with water in the cellar before use.

Even though these water tests do not show any leak, sometimes barrels can show some leaks with wine or spirit that we cannot prevent.

We work with a complex natural product. If leaks appear again, please contact our technical department, who will intervene on site if necessary.

# **RECEPTION ADVICE**

- > If the barrels are not used immediately, make sure to keep them in their original packaging
- > Store them in an appropriate location safe from draughts and UV rays, with a room temperature of approximately 17 o c and a humidity rate between 75 and 80%
- > In their original packaging, barrels can be preserved for a few months
- > Sulfuring a brand new barrel is rather useless and not recommended (risks of leading to a reduction before methanol fermentation)

# PREPARATION ADVICE BEFORE USE

> Shipping and extended storage could result in dehydration. Wood is a living material and in some particular conditions (heat, dry air, draughts) its humidity can vary.

### FOR AN IMMEDIAT USE:

> Remove the plastic film from the barrel.

#### METHOD: COLD WATER

- > Fill the entire barrel with cold water (20 o C / 68 o F)
- > Leave it standing for 24 hours until complete water tightness of the barrel
- > Empty the barrel, drain it, rinse with clean water and drain it again

### METHOD: WARM WATER

- > Fill the barrel with 20L of very hot water (80 o C/ 176 o F) and place the bung
- > Rock the upright barrel on each head by doing several circular movements
- > Shake the barrel for sever al minutes by turning it in the horizontal position by 15 centimeters each time (4 turns). Check water tightness and remove the bung
- > **Drain it** (do not close the barrel if still hot, risks of very strong depression)

### IN CASE OF LEAK....

- > Leave it standing, then let it dry for an hour
- > Start the warm water method over
- > Empty the barrel, drain it, rinse with clean water