



TYPES OF WINE CORKS

NATURAL

The Natural straight wine cork is a cylindrical stopper punched directly from the cork, manually or automatically. It is a 100% natural product. The corks are then sorted by an optical cork sorting machine, before being washed using a hydrogen peroxide based solution. They are then dried and sorted manually into finer classes. The process ends with branding in accordance with the customers' specifications and a surface treatment suitable for the intended use.



COLMATED (BELLCORK)

The Colmated wine cork (also known as the Bellcork) is made of natural cork and then treated with a colmated process which involves a glue used to combine cork particles to fill the outer imperfections of the cork. This process combined with the surface treatment gives the "Bellcork" cork improved sealing ability. Usually comes with a bevelled edge.



AGGLOMERATE

Agglomerated corks are made from chipped cork pieces ground to a specific size and glued together with non-reactive polyurethane glue. Inexpensive and easy to handle, these are suitable for wines that will be held for six months to a year. Agglomerate corks have high resilience and offer a good seal. Usually they come with a bevelled edge.



SYNTHETIC

Synthetic corks are made from inert synthetic resins, some wineries have tried them, mainly for short-term wines. They have to be put in with a heavy-duty corker, and can only be extracted with a good worm-type corkscrew wielded by a strong hand. Further development is needed before the home wine maker could put them to use without the use of a floor corker. Nomacorc is the exception as it is made from an extrusion process with uniform, small closed cells that provide a superior seal to traditional synthetic corks which are moulded.



VHS Grade

Item Number	Item Description
45428	VHS Super Winery Grade #8, 44x22mm (1000 Pack)
45429	VHS Super Winery Grade #8, 44x22mm (100 Pack)
45420	VHS Super Winery Grade #9, 44x24 mm (1000 Pack)
45430	VHS Super Winery Grade #9, 44x24 mm (100 Pack)

VHP Grade

Item Number	Item Description
45422	VHP Premium Duo Cork #9, 44x23.5 mm (1000 Pack)
45432	VHP Premium Duo Cork #9, 44x23.5 mm (100 Pack)

VHC Grade

Item Number	Item Description
45421	VHC Natural Colmated #9, 38x24mm (1000 Pack)
45431	VHC Natural Colmated #9, 38x24mm (100 Pack)

VH8 Grade

Item Number	Item Description
45426	Corks, VH8 Natural Colmated #8, 44x22mm (1000 Pack)
45436	Corks, VH8 Natural Colmated #8, 44x22mm (100 Pack)

VHA Grade

Item Number	Item Description
45423	Corks, VHA First Quality Fine #9, 44x23.5mm (1000 Pack)
45433	Corks, VHA First Quality Fine #9, 44x23.5mm (100 Pack)
45424	Corks, VHA First Quality Fine #9, 38x23.5mm (1000 Pack)
45434	Corks, VHA First Quality Fine #9, 38x23.5mm (100 Pack)

VH7 Grade

Item Number	Item Description
45427	Corks, VH7 First Quality Fine #7, 38x21 mm (1000 Pack)
45437	Corks, VH7 First Quality Fine #7, 38x21 mm (100 Pack)

Nomacorc

Item Number	Item Description
2203-1	Nomacorc Classic Wine Corks (100 Pack)
2203-2	Nomacorc Classic Wine Corks (1000 Pack)

ADDITIONAL CLOSURE OPTIONS

Item Number	Item Description
45425	T Cork Stopper Nat. Cork 19.2mm diam (Package of 1000)
45425	T Cork Stopper Nat. Cork 19.2mm diam (Package of 1000)
45435	T Cork Stopper Nat. Cork 19.2mm diam (Package of 100)
2204-3*	Vino Aquino Winery Nomacorc Wine Corks - Bag/1000
45440	Belgium Style Beer Bottle Corks 25.5x44mm (1000 Pack)
45441	Wire Hoods with Cap, For Belgian Style Bottles (2,700 Pack)
2215-1	Tightening Tool For Champagne Hoods
2220-1	Wire Hoods, For Champagne Bottles
2222-1	29mm Plastic Champagne Stoppers (100 Pack)
2107-1	29 mm Crown Caps (100 Pack)

*Special Order Item

WHAT CORK IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

There are several things to consider when selecting the right cork for your purpose and cellaring conditions.

TIME

Estimate the length of time you realistically expect to store your wine before drinking.

BEVEL

This is the tapered edge that some of the less expensive corks have around the top and bottom of the cork. It is to allow easier insertion with hand held corkers. Take into account that the bevel does reduce the amount of surface area in contact with the neck of the bottle and it is this contact that prevents the passage of wine past the cork.

LENGTH & DIAMETER

Primarily wine corks are available in two lengths – 38mm (1.5 inches) and 44mm (1.75 inches) – and in three diameters – 21mm, 22mm, 24mm (in USA and Canada they are known as #7, #8 and #9). The length and diameter are related to the sealing ability of the cork. Where you compare corks in the same grade, the cork with the longest length and largest diameter will give the greatest sealing capability. Floor corkers can be used on all corks, but if you are using plunge or hand corkers you may need to opt for the narrower and shorter corks.

Remember ...

The cheapest cork isn't always the best deal, and if you do decide to keep some bottles for the future, you may find yourself having to re-cork them in a few years.



WINE CORK SELECTION

TYPE	GRADE	SIZE	DESCRIPTION	STORAGE	CORKER
VHS 	SUPER PREMIUM WINERY GRADE NATURAL	44mm length x 24mm (#9) diameter	Our best all natural cork. No fillers or cosmetics. A high quality, dense cork which should be used for your best wines.	Recommended for storage of 10 years or less.	Suitable for a Floor Corker only.
VHP 	PREMIUM WINERY GRADE DUO	44mm length x 24mm (#9) diameter	Winery grade corks made with an agglomerate body and a disk of natural cork adhered to each end. No fillers or cosmetics applied. A quality cork which should be used for your better wines.	Recommended for storage up to 6 years.	Suitable for a Floor Corker only.
VHC 	COLMATED FIRST QUALITY	44mm & 38mm length x 24mm (#9) diameter	One of the most popular corks, the Colmated (Bellcork) is recommended for medium term storage - 2 years or less.	Recommended for storage up to 2 years.	Suitable for a Floor Corker only.
VHS 	COLMATED FIRST QUALITY	44mm & 38mm length x 22mm (#8) diameter	One of the most popular corks, the Colmated (Bellcork) is recommended for medium term storage - 2 years or less.	Recommended for storage up to 2 years.	Suitable for all Lever corkers and Floor corkers.
VHA 	AGGLOMERATE FIRST QUALITY FINE	44mm & 38mm length x 24mm (#9) diameter	Economical good quality composite corks. New technology has made these corks better than ever before.	Recommended for storage up to 36 months.	Suitable for a Floor Corker only.
VH7 	AGGLOMERATE FIRST QUALITY FINE	38mm length x 21mm (#7) diameter	Economical good quality composite corks. New technology has made these corks better than ever before.	Recommended for storage up to 18 months.	Suitable for all Hand corkers, Lever corkers and Floor corkers.
VHN 	SYNTHETIC NOMACORC	37mm length x 22mm (#8) diameter	Nomacorc is made from an extrusion process with uniform small closed cells that provide a superior seal to traditional synthetic corks (which are moulded). Generally the best synthetic cork on the market for the home winemaker. Note - not suitable for very extreme climates. Extreme heat or cold can sometimes be an issue with the compressed air pressure in the bottle after bottling causing the bottles to leak in some cases.	Made for short term storage of wines under 3 years.	Suitable for all hand corkers, lever corkers and floor corkers.