

BARRELS : INSTRUCTION FOR USE

FIRST-TIME USE AND STORAGE OF BARRELS

To reap the full benefits of VICARD products, we recommend following this practical advice prior to using the barrels for the first time.



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STORAGE : PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF YOUR BARRELS

MATERIAL STORAGE

If the barrels are not used immediately following reception, it is essential to ensure a specific type of storage. To avoid the deterioration of the barrels quality, we recommend following these instructions regardless of storage time:

- ▶ ENSURE THAT YOUR BARRELS ARE KEPT IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING, DESIGNED TO PROTECT THEM (PLASTIC FILM AND CARDBOARD).
- ▶ STORE THEM IN A LOCATION AT A TEMPERATURE OF LESS THAN 20°C AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF THE AIR OF 70% TO MAINTAIN THE HUMIDITY OF THE WOOD.

Flooring for storage of your barrel must be perfectly flat.



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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIRST-TIME USE

BEFORE USING, SOME ADVICES

Shipping and prolonged storage can result in dehydration. Wood is a living material and under certain conditions (heat, dry air and drafts) its humidity level may vary.

- ▶ FILLING YOUR VICARD BARRELS WITH WATER BEFORE USE WILL ENSURE THEIR QUALITY.
Please use a non-chlorinated water without adding other disinfectants. Be careful, some products such as SO₂ or metabisulphite can react with the wood tannins and give pink stains on the barrel.

WITH HOT WATER / PROTOCOL

- 1 Position the barrel vertically and pour 20 L of 75 to 90°C non-chlorinated hot water
- 2 Plug the bung and shake the barrel for a few minutes.
- 3 Set the barrel on one of its heads for four hours.
- 4 Turn over the barrel and position it on its other head for four hours.
- 5 Drip-dry the barrel, bung facing downward.

WITH COLD WATER / PROTOCOL

- 1 Position the barrel horizontally, bung facing up, and fill it with non-chlorinated cold water.
- 2 Plug the bung and leave it filled for 24 hours.
- 3 Drip-dry barrel, bung facing downward.

- ▶ IF ANY LEAKS APPEAR AND CONTINUE AFTER THESE OPERATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US:
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