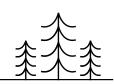


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VERTICAL INTEGRATION OF RAW MATERIAL

The Vicard Group owns and operates 2 stave mills. Our primary mill, Merrains du Périgord is PEFC certified and has an annual production capacity of 3,000 m³ of stave wood. Our wood buyer, working in partnership with the ONF (French Institute for Forestry Protection) and private suppliers, ensures we obtain the best lots available for production of our oak staves. Incorporation of stave mills at the Vicard Group is a strategic choice and is essential for ensuring a fully traceable, consistent and reliable supply chain for the future.



THE QUALITY OF OAK

The supplies predominantly originate from the French forests in the center, north-east and in Allier. The Vicard Group can extend its purchasing power (15%) to the forests of border countries that belong to the same massif regions as the French forests.

TRACEABILITY, FROM FOREST TO BARREL

The Vicard Group system of vertical traceability begins in the forest and follows each stage of production.

100% NATURAL **MATURATION**

The Vicard Group devotes an 8-hectare wood yard for maturation of staves and is committed to an average 30-month natural, air drying-period. Our supply of stave wood, commensurate with three years of production, is testimony to our financial and quality commitment.

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8 ha for stave wood storage 100% self-procurement

wood purchaser, Frédéric Désamais

3 000 m³ of stave wood produced per

year

production sites (Vicard and MDP)

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