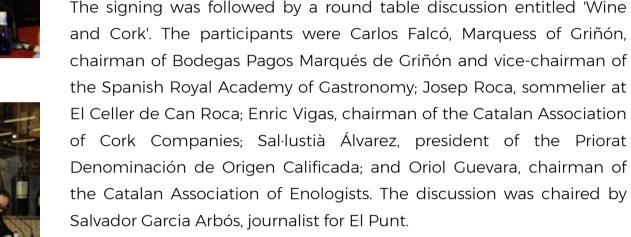


VINS I LICORS GRAU SIGNS AN AGREEMENT SUPPORTING CORK STOPPERS 21-05-2009







The debate was lively, with the active participation of the over 200 attendees who included the mayors of Palafrugell and Palamós, Lluís Medir and Teresa Ferrés; Xavier Ribera, chairman of the Palamós Chamber of Commerce; Josep Guix, regional director for agriculture for the province of Girona; Antoni Soy, the Government of Catalonia's secretary for Industry and Enterprise and chairman of Icsuro; Joan Botey, of the Catalan Forestry Consortium; René Barbier, wine expert and promoter of new style Priorat wines; Agustí Ensesa, of the Girona School of Wine Tasting; and Mariano Castellanos, of the Spanish Association of Maitres and Waiters, and many other wine experts, representatives of cork companies, wine producers and restaurateurs.

At its store in Palafrugell Vins i Licors Grau signed an agreement with the Catalan Cork Institute and Retecork in support of cork wine bottle closures. Under this agreement, Vins i Licors Grau is committed to

supporting cork stoppers as opposed to modern, technical closures such as silicon or screw-tops. It will also prioritise the sale of cork sealed

products and encourage its suppliers to use this type of closure.



The session was closed with a light buffet provided by the Cuina de l'Empordanet restaurant group, accompanied by wines from the Marqués de Griñón and Celler Vall Llach bodegas and Mestres cava.