

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



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 signing was followed by a round table discussion entitled 'Wine and Cork'. The participants were Carlos Falcó, Marquess of Griñón, chairman of Bodegas Pagos Marqués de Griñón and vice-chairman of the Spanish Royal Academy of Gastronomy; Josep Roca, sommelier at El Celler de Can Roca; Enric Vigas, chairman of the Catalan Association of Cork Companies; Sal·lustià Álvarez, president of the Priorat Denominación de Origen Calificada; and Oriol Guevara, chairman of the Catalan Association of Enologists. The discussion was chaired by Salvador Garcia Arbós, journalist for El Punt.



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.

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.