



Nomacorc to join forces with InterRhône

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Alternative wine closure specialist Nomacorc is relocating its European oenology team from Belgium to Avignon.

The company is creating an international corporate Centre of Oxygen Management Research at the InterRhône Institute, opening in January.

Nomacorc and the InterRhône Institute say they are dedicated to conducting research into oxygen management with the aim of improving wine quality. Locating the facility at Avignon allows Nomacorc access to the institute's laboratories and technology.

Christophe Riou, technical director of InterRhône, said: "The InterRhône Institute recognises the importance of oxygen in wine development and its impact on wine quality. Understanding how oxygen affects wine is critical to our mission of improving the quality of wines in the Rhône Valley and we are excited about partnering with Nomacorc to further research in oxygen management."

Nomacorc has four research initiatives in process including UC Davis in California; the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique at Montpellier; the Australian Wine Research Institute; and Forschungsanstalt Geisenheim. Each institution is evaluating oxygen's effect on different wine varieties as well as variances in bottling conditions.

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