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Tonnellerie Ô Brings a Local Taste of French Oak to the U.S.



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Coordinating imported owner equipment installation a big part of the job

Cork Supply Group has opened Tonnellerie Ô®, its new state-of-the-art cooperage facility in Benicia, CA. Tonnellerie Ô is the newest member of Cork Supply Group's growing family of brands, which deliver the global wine industry a complete range of world-class wine closures and capsules, oak barrels and alternatives, and designer labels. Tonnellerie is the French word for 'cooper' (a barrel maker), and Tonnellerie Ô makes all of its barrels locally in California from the finest French oak.

Hearn Construction built the cooperage inside an existing warehouse at Cork Supply USA's Northern California location. The project was equipment and process driven, building additional structures to accommodate very precise storage and production requirements essential for coopering and toasting masterfully handcrafted barrels. Hearn joined the team during the permitting process, and was able to assist with coordination of the design/build items and provide constructability review as the project progressed. Hearn completed the job ahead of schedule and under budget.

Coordination of owner equipment installation comprised a large portion of the job for Hearn, a company familiar with winery work and its intricate requirements. A thirty-two foot silo for the dust collector system was the tallest structure on the project. Infrared spark detectors, linked to specialized fire protection equipment inside the ducts of the dust collector, prevent fires in a machine that combines fast moving metal blades with highly flammable sawdust. Specialized benders, manual and computer operated hoop drivers, barrel head rounders, and a laser inscribing machine were imported from France. Work had to be carefully scheduled to coordinate with the calendars of the foreign manufacturers for delivery, installation, calibration and testing of the machines.



Henderson Architects of Santa Rosa designed a fifty foot diameter, round toasting room made to look like the inside of a barrel, and Tonnellerie Ô reflects form as well as function in both their cooperage and their product. The new manufacturing facility enables Tonnellerie Ô to provide customers with barrels produced locally to their specifications.

For more information about Tonnellerie Ô, call 707.747.3635 or visit www.tonnellerieo.com.
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