



## OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM VICARD GROUP

### VICARD ACQUIRES PATENT ON REVOLUTIONARY NEW TECHNOLOGY

For 2010, The Vicard Group and Vicard Tonnelleries have acquired a patent on new technology which essentially ensures that all Vicard barrels will be entirely free of blisters.

Through a revolutionary new process of applying micro-perforations in the staves, any excess moisture in the wood is allowed to evaporate during the toasting process -without affecting the integrity of the wood surface.

Research performed by an independent laboratory has proven that the application of these micro-perforations creates no increased risk of microbial contamination, brettanomyces yeast, or bacteria-related volatile acidity after having been exposed to contact with wine during the aging process.

The traditional flavor profiles of Vicard barrels have not been affected by the new technology, and Winemakers can be sure that the quality and attributes they have come to expect from all Vicard products will remain consistent and guaranteed.

Jean-Charles Vicard

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J.C. Vicard", written over a horizontal line.

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