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Instructions for installation and maintenance of casks and conical vats  
We ask you to follow our recommendations. This is important in order to keep your cask / conical vat in good condition and give it a long life. And it is essential for the fulfillment of our responsibility.

## Initiation for first use

We fill our casks and conical vats with water and check for leaks before shipment. After a long transit time on the container/truck (more than two weeks/14 days) please follow these steps:

- ✓ Immediately after unloading / receipt of goods place the cask/conical vat in the wine cellar or in a closed storage with suitable conditions (no sun!)
- ✓ Remove the packing material
- ✓ Fill the cask/conical vat up to half of the volume with cold water. Wait for two hours.
- ✓ Finish filling with cold water, wait another two hours and check for leaks.
- ✓ If there is some leakage wait until it stops for two or maximum three days (not longer than 72 hours!) After 72 hours the water must be changed or conserved.

## Storage

To give your cask/conical vat a long life we recommend to fill it as soon as possible. Try not to leave it empty for extended periods.

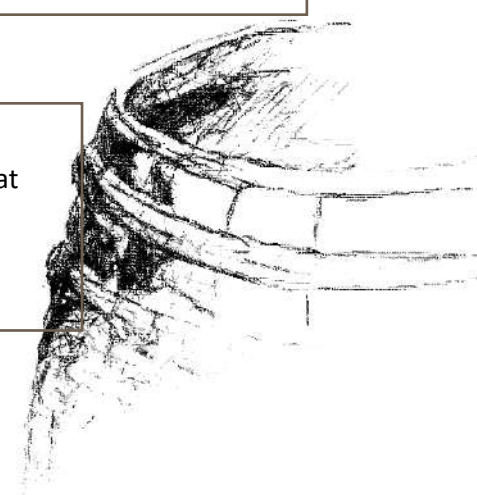
If you don't use the cask/conical vat immediately after the transport we recommend:

- ✓ Store the casks/conical vat under proper conditions (cellar or closed storage) with
  - a year-round constant temperature not higher than 18°C or 64,4 F
  - moisture: 70 – 80 % humidity
- ✓ Leave it in the package. Only open the package at the bunge hole and use sulfur for conservation
- ✓ Check the conservation every three weeks, renew if necessary.

## Initiation for use after storage

- ✓ After being empty for several weeks or months, fill the cask/conical vat with water.
- ✓ Leave the water inside for at least 24 hours, max. 48 hours
- ✓ Rinse with cold water

➔ Please note: Only use clean, cold, non-chlorinated water!



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## Cleaning after use

After using your cask/conical vat clean it to eliminate stains and to remove tartaric crystal deposits:

- ✓ Rinse the inside with cold, clean water directly after use
- ✓ Use a soft nylon brush to remove all deposits
  - If using high pressure, please ensure that the pressure is not too high. The nozzle/hose must be at least 50 cm (19,5 inches) from the staves.
  - Be careful not to damage the staves!
  - Do not aim at stainless steel-wood connections with high pressure!
- ✓ Rinse with cold water
- ✓ Leave all doors, mainholes and hatches open to allow the cask/conical vat to fully dry, around 24 hours. After it is essential to preserve the condition of your cask or conical vat, for example with sulfur.

Please note: If warm water is used, it must not be hotter than 70 °C or 158 F.  
Always rinse with cold water first and after using warm water!

We recommend not to steam your cask or conical vat. In any case not longer than three minutes!

