

ERMITAGE
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TANKS & CASKS

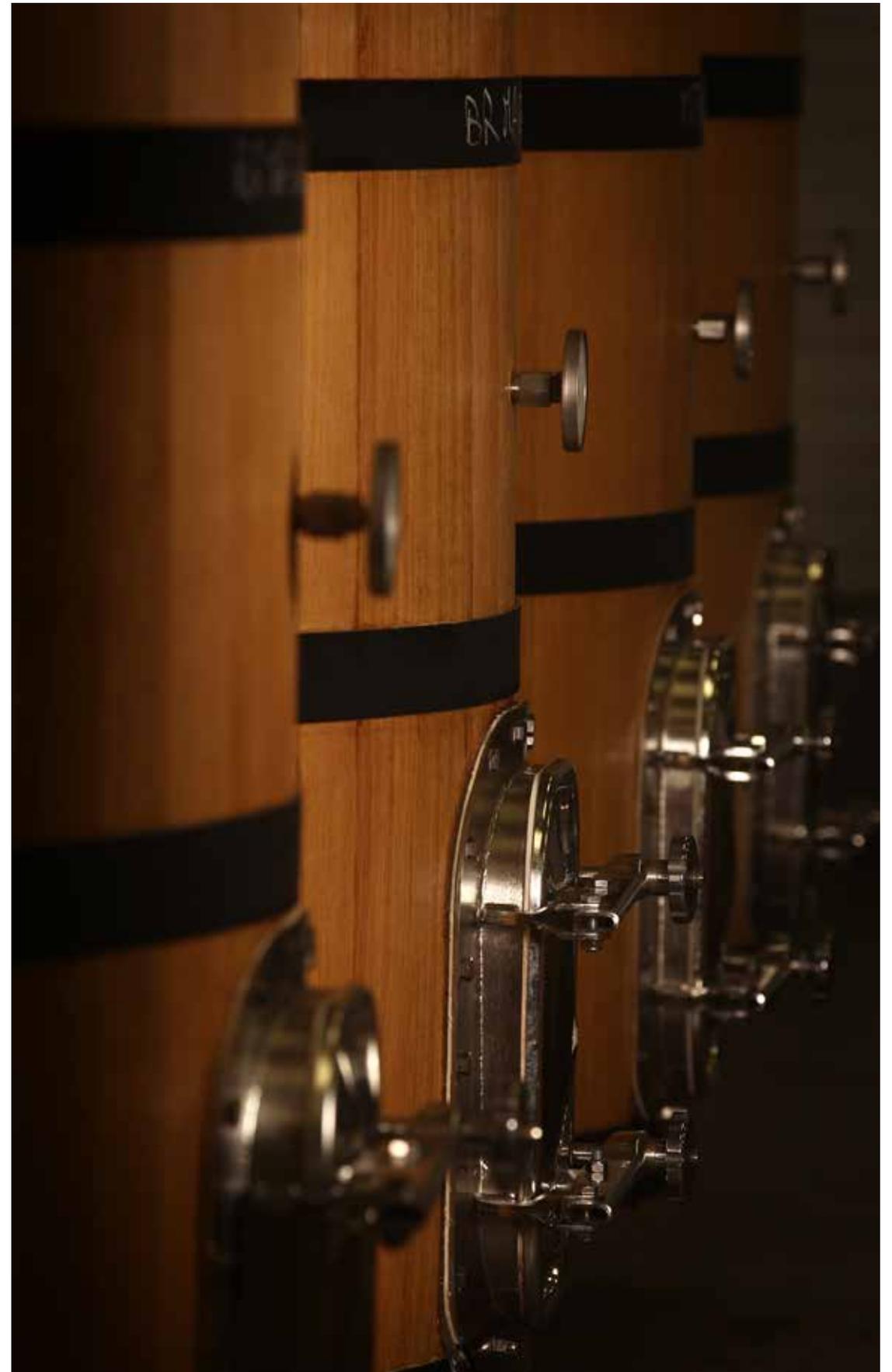
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Located in the heart of the French region of Cognac, the Ermitage Tank and Cask cooperage facility is a member of the Charlois group.

Established in the Charente region since 1870, our workshop has special expertise in the production of these prestigious products. From the choice of raw materials to assembly in the cellar, we evaluate and provide support for each project on an individual basis.

Ermitage proposes fermentation and open top tanks from 10 to 70 hl, and oval and round casks from 10 to 60 hl (largest capacities on request).





The Oak

Our knowledge of forestry and long experience in sourcing the highest quality oak allows Charlois group to select the best oak suitable for the production of large format tanks and casks.

Ermitage sources its oak trees primarily from national forests managed by the ONF (Office National des Forêts).

With over 20 years of experience our oak buyer selects and evaluates the trees to choose the ones that will produce the best large staves for each individual tank. These trees are at least one hundred years old and belong to certified PEFC forests.

Project Design

As needed, the ERMITAGE team is able to provide each individual project with full analysis to determine the technical requirements and specific needs of the winemaker at the site.

Tank production begins once the order confirmation has been received.

Toast

After the tank has undergone the first shaping steps ("dolage", jointing and "mis en rose"), it undergoes the toasting process which requires the expertise of the cooper.

This is also the mechanical method used to bend each stave through a combination of the actions of heat and water.

Using the same procedure as with our barrels, the newly-formed tanks are slowly heated and then subjected to several hours of "bousinage".

It is this step which reveals the true aromatic nuances of the wood as the heat penetrates deep into the heart of the oak.

Accessories

Each tank is a unique creation through which the Winemaker's individuality and creativity may be expressed.

All of our large format tanks and casks are completely customized with a large selection of accessories to meet the broad needs of our clients around the world.



QUALITY | TRACEABILITY | SUSTAINABILITY

100 % INTEGRATED OAK

100 % PEFC

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification

Tonnellerie Ermitage is committed to a programme of sustainable forest management (PEFC). The Bureau Veritas Certification* attests that Tonnellerie Ermitage respects the defined criteria for the certification of the chain of control (BVFR-PEFC-COC -2172175-F) PEFC as described in the documentation published by the PEFC (Current appendices).

«GUARANTEED OF FRENCH ORIGIN»

The label «Guaranteed of French Origin» assures consumers of the traceability of the product by giving a clear and objective indication of provenance. The label is awarded subject to two cumulative conditions which must both be satisfied: between 50% and 100% of the cost price must be French (95% for Ermitage barrels and 100% for its stave mills), and the product's essential characteristics must be French. Our certification is regularly validated by Bureau Veritas.

HACCP

Food Safety

From the stave mill to the cooperage, we adhere to HACCP standards (a systematic preventive approach that identifies, evaluates and controls significant dangers relating to food safety). Bureau Veritas issues a verification statement of our HACCP plan after inspection (BV/090/ RE) which ensures the alimentary quality of our products.

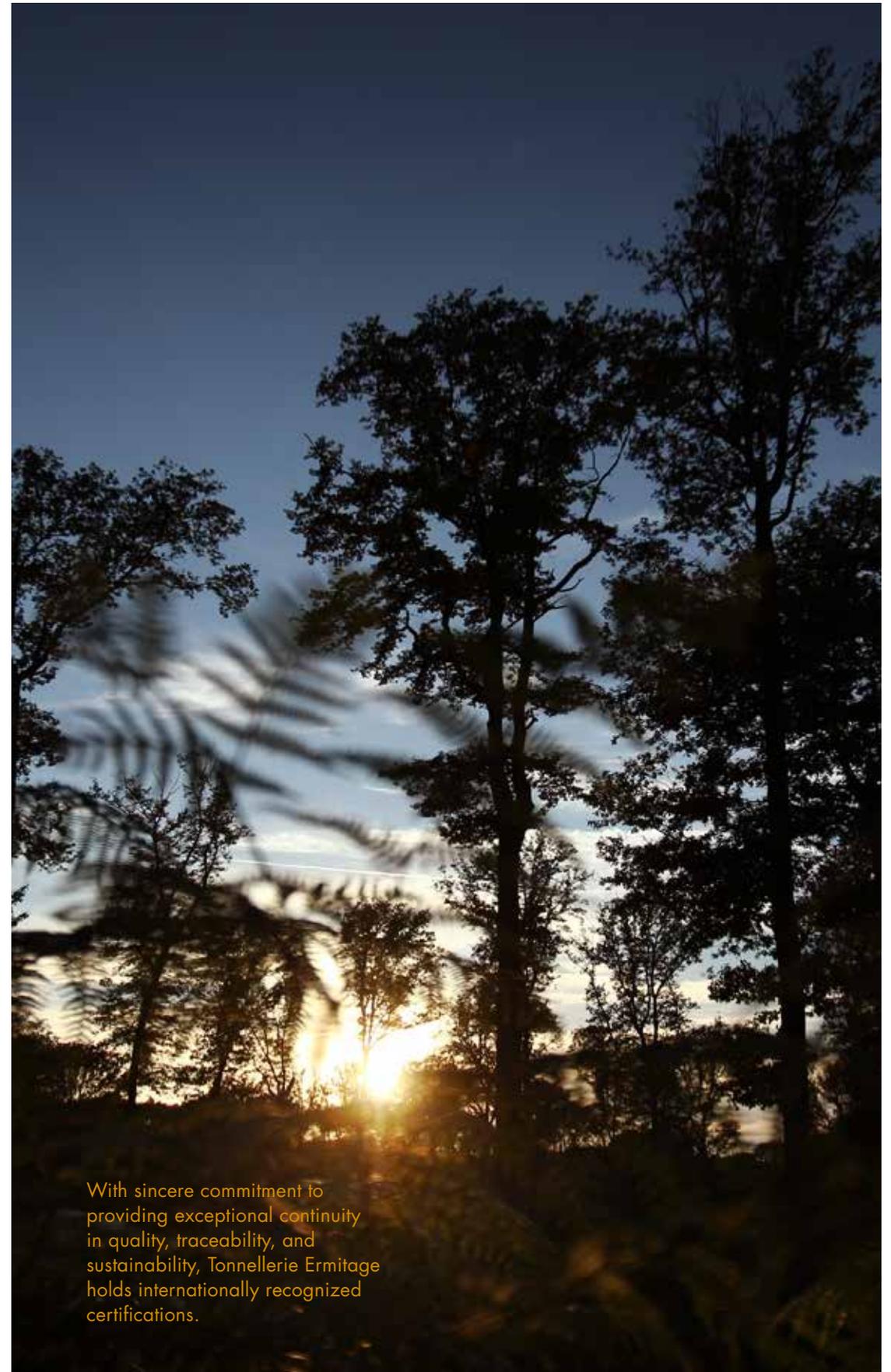
HA/HP CONTROL SYSTEM

Levels of haloanisoles, halophenols and lindane

- Monitoring of water used in the production process, (rinsing, steam water)
- Atmospheric testing (zones that store staves, finished product and dry goods, the stave mill and cooperage workshops)
- Verification of packaging (cartons, shrink wrap, bungs in silicone or wood, etc.)
- Testing of ail products or materials used in the manufacturing process (flour, stainless steel fixations, supports, machine parts, etc.)
- Inspection of stave lots on reception
- Verification of containers (use of 'barrier' protective covers)



BVCert. 6091858



With sincere commitment to providing exceptional continuity in quality, traceability, and sustainability, Tonnellerie Ermitage holds internationally recognized certifications.

