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M.A. SILVA USA NAMED A NORTH BAY BUSINESS JOURNAL'S BEST PLACES TO WORK FOR THE FOURTH TIME

Santa Rosa, CA, August 11, 2014 – M.A. Silva, the leading manufacturer of cork, glass and packaging, has been named as a **2014 Best Places to Work** winner in the North Bay.

"It's a great honor to have been named a *North Bay's Best Places to Work*. This is the fourth time we have achieved this incredible recognition," said Neil Foster, President of M.A. Silva USA. "We have a talented group of individuals that help make M.A. Silva a success. I truly value and appreciate our employees' accomplishments and dedication. I am thrilled about their feedback and comments that contributed to this distinction. As we grow our company, we will continue to provide a supportive working environment and opportunities for personal and professional growth."

Over 120 companies from across the North Bay area were anonymously nominated to participate in the annual *North Bay Business Journal's Best Places to Work* assessment. Winners were determined through the evaluation of an employee survey including questions about respect, fairness, family friendliness, community involvement and areas of improvements. 97% of the M.A. Silva staff submitted their opinions. M.A. Silva is one of the 45 companies in Sonoma and Marin counties to receive this recognition within the 15 – 50 employee category.

About M.A. Silva USA: Based in Sonoma County California, M.A. Silva USA is a leading manufacturer of premium natural corks, glass and packaging for North American markets. Its quality-assurance program ensures unmatched visual, mechanical and sensory characteristics of its products. It is the first cork supplier in U.S. to offer high resolution laser cork printing of unique and variable information to each single cork stopper. The company operates on 100% solar power and is committed to sustainability and eco-friendly operations. M.A. Silva earned both *Sonoma Green Business Program* and *ClimateSmart™* certifications. The company has been named **Best Cork Supplier 2013** by the *North Bay Business Journal* and **Best Cork and Best Bottle Supplier 2013** by *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine. It is a four-time winner of the *North Bay Business Journal's Best Places to Work*. For more information visit www.MASilva.com or call 707.636.2530.

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