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**VINTNERS GLOBAL RESOURCE BECOMING PART OF M.A. SILVA USA**

**Santa Rosa, CA, October 10, 2014** – M.A. Silva, the leading manufacturer of cork, glass and packaging, announced today the purchase of **Vintners Global Resource's (VGR)** packaging business. VGR, located in Washington, is a supplier of wine bottles, closures and packaging serving the Pacific Northwest wine industry. In cooperation with M.A. Silva's long-time partner **Oak Tradition**, located in Walla Walla, the combined companies will offer a high quality product portfolio and an unparalleled spectrum of expertise and customer service to wineries in the Pacific Northwest region. Andy Brassington, VGR's CEO and founder, and Teresa Lawrenson, VGR's Account Manager, will join the M.A. Silva team. VGR's Kent, Washington operations are now part of M.A. Silva.

"We've successfully grown our company and merging VGR into M.A. Silva is the next exciting step forward in the continuing progression of our business and enables us to continue to execute our vision to be the leading supplier of natural wine corks and wine bottles, with the guarantee of excellence in product quality and service," said Neil Foster, President of M.A. Silva. "We are committed and passionate to partner with both current and new customers in delivering the perfect packaging solutions."

"We are excited to merge our wine packaging business with M.A. Silva, the best cork and wine bottle company in the industry," said Brassington. "This merge is exactly what we wanted for continued growth. The vast resources of M.A. Silva provide us with more time and excellent products to support our Northwest friends and clients. The best-in-class culture, proven excellence in products and service and the family ownership of M.A. Silva make this an ideal fit," Brassington concluded.

**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](http://www.MASilva.com) or call 707.636.2530.

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