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**M. A. SILVA ANNOUNCED NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY FOR SPARKLING AND TECHNICAL CORK CLOSURES IN PORTUGAL**



**Santa Rosa, CA, August 14, 2017** – Sonoma County based M. A. Silva USA announced a new manufacturing facility located in Santa Maria de Feira, Portugal. The 64,500-square-foot building is dedicated to the production of sparkling and technical cork closures. The \$4.1M investment includes state-of-the-art technology and created 35 jobs.

“I founded M. A. Silva USA 17 years ago with Manual Alves Silva, founder of M. A. Silva Portugal, a family-owned and operated company with a 45-year history of wine cork manufacturing,” said Neil Foster, President of M. A. Silva USA. “The vertical integration of our companies combined with our rigorous quality and testing standards ensures that we deliver the finest premium cork closures to the North American wine industry, meeting and exceeding our customers’ expectations. This expansion is ultimately the result of the substantial growth we’ve seen in the cork business over the last years. It will allow us to significantly increase our technical cork production.”

**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. The company operates on solar power and is committed to sustainability and eco-friendly operations. M. A. Silva earned both **Sonoma Green Business Program** and **ClimateSmart™** certifications and received the **Excellence Award for Sustainable Manufacturing** by *Trade Monthly Magazine*. The company has been named **Best Cork Supplier 2013, 2015 & 2016, Best Glass Supplier 2016 and 2016 North Bay Maker** by the *North Bay Business Journal*, **Best Cork Supplier 2013, 2015, 2016 & 2017 and Best Bottle Supplier 2013 & 2015** by *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine and **2017 Best Cork & Bottle Supplier** by *Trade Monthly Magazine*. It is a six-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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