

## Advances in Closure Quality

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...Cork producer M.A. Silva reports it just completed building a 400-square-foot expansion to the lab at its production facility in Santa Rosa, Calif. The company also hired an

assistant lab manager and installed a new infrared spectrometer to analyze cork coatings.

Better coating analysis helps the company fine-tune coating formulas to ensure good insertion, extraction and sealing performance, said chief operations officer Michael Riel.

The added equipment and staff is intended to help the company offer clients custom QC protocols on their cork selections.

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"To maintain the ability to do so we continually invest into technologies and people that enable us to evolve, improve and offer more. Our goal is to be much more than a commodity supplier, and quality control and product technology investments create a real benefit for our customers."



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