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### Press Release

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## Oeneo's DIAM Closure Gets Order From Argentina

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### Helps Jump Start New Plant in Spain

### New Facility in Extremadura Province Dedicated to Diamant(R) TCA Extraction Process for Cork-based Wine Closures

NAPA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 30, 2005--Oeneo Closures U.S.A. reports increased orders for the company's DIAM wine closure. This includes an order placed through Oeneo Sudamerica (Oeneo Closure U.S.A's sister company based in Chile) for more than 3 million new closures from Argentina's Catena Wines. Diam's success already begins returning the company's \$18 million plus investment in the recently completely 27,000 sq. ft. cork treatment facility in Corchos de Merida, Spain. The specialized facility, designed to manufacture cork-based closures with a TCA-extraction process utilizing supercritical CO2, will have the capacity to produce up to 45 million DIAM closures per month.

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To date, more than 50 million units have been sold to more than 1200 wineries around the globe, including France-based Louis Jadot; Australia third largest wine producer, McGuigan Wines; New Zealand-based Spencer Hill Estate; South Africa-based Thelema Mountain Vineyards and U.S.-based Cosentino, among other prominent winemakers.

The DIAM technology, developed jointly by Oeneo Bouchage in France and the Supercritical Fluids Laboratory of the

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French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), removes all measurable levels of releasable TCA from raw cork material. DIAM has undergone many tests by independent organizations with laboratory equipment that can detect TCA at less than 0.5 ppt (parts per

trillion), and consistently shows no measurable amounts of releasable TCA.

"What differentiates DIAM from its competitors and puts it ahead technologically, is the fact that we extract TCA from the cork (raw material). Winemakers need to know that the DIAM technology does not merely remove 70 percent of TCA, it removes all measurable levels of releasable TCA. And that's not just an average," said Oeneo Closures U.S.A. President Eric Mercier.

Once produced in Spain, the Diam corks are transported to the company's location in Ceret (South of France) or to one of its other processing plants such as its Napa, Calif., facility for finishing (branding, coating, final quality control and packaging).

DIAM has received widespread industry acclaim, including certification from the long-standing accreditation organization, Bureau Veritas; excellent results from tests conducted by the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI), a world leader in wine closure studies; and the Gold award for Innovation in Packaging at the Vinitech 2004 World Exhibition, one of the world's largest and most prestigious wine industry trade shows; as well as positive reviews and endorsements from numerous winemakers, retailers and wine professionals.

Mercier added, "Winemakers who use our DIAM corks have also told us that DIAM frequently places in the top, if not first, in their own comparative tastings."

For more information on Oeneo Closures' new DIAM wine closure, please visit the company's new website [www.oeneoclosuresusa.com](http://www.oeneoclosuresusa.com).

#### About Oeneo Closures USA

Oeneo Closures U.S.A., formerly known as Sabate U.S.A., was founded in 1995 and is based in Napa, California. The company, with both sales and cork finishing facilities, is a subsidiary of France-based Oeneo, a global leader in supplying value-added products to winemakers worldwide. In addition to natural corks, sparkling wine corks and a cork-based stopper for liquor and spirits, Oeneo Closures U.S.A. is now engaged in pursuing a full line of wine closure solutions, including screw caps. The OENEO Group of companies is also one of the world's largest barrel suppliers (Seguin Moreau and Radoux brands) and is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange (ISIN code 0000052680).

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