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**It's all  
about  
perfection.**

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# 01

# Introduction

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## About Lafitte

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Lafitte's history with the cork industry goes back to the very beginning of the 20th Century. Namely, to 1918, when the family's first cork stopper manufacturing facility was created in the southwest of France.

Lafitte has made it a point to never stop growing. In the 1980s, the group expanded to the wine country - Napa, California - in order to respond to the needs of the North American market, and quickly expanded to the South American market in the early 2000s through Lafitte Chile. Spain and Italy quickly followed, effectively cementing Lafitte's European presence.

The group's latest step towards expansion came in 2020, with the acquisition of RCP International SA, a manufacturer specialized in bar tops, and thus, Lafitte Bartop was born.

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Ever since then, the Lafitte family has continued to develop their activities at the service of the wine industry. In the 1950s a new factory was built in Portugal, home of thriving cork forests, in order to allow direct contact with the selection of fine raw materials.

Throughout the years, the various branches of the Lafitte group have grown harmoniously, consistently learning and evolving, in order to provide their clients and partners with impeccable products and services.

# Lafitte Bartop



With the introduction of Artis by Lafitte Bartop, the Lafitte group is reinforcing the importance of magnificence by setting a new benchmark for high-end bar top closures.

While cork is usually associated with wine, Lafitte believes every precious nectar equally deserves to be preserved and celebrated. Created with luxury spirits, oils and vinegars in mind, Lafitte Bartop applies its decades of technical expertise and ambitious perfectionism to create sublime bar top closures to guard the finest things in life.

With Artis, your imagination can roam freely. Lafitte Bartop makes use of the highest quality natural materials to craft show-stopping closures that'll make any bottle an effortless eye-catcher - whether through their one of a kind design or their custom details.





## Why cork?

Putting it lightly, cork is one of nature's greatest gifts. Cork is harvested every nine years from cork oaks without taking down or even damaging these precious trees. It is naturally renewable, instinctively reusable and entirely sustainable.

Cork is a silent ally in the combat against climate change. Every year, the cork oak forests retain tonnes of CO2 from being released into the atmosphere and further damaging our planet, which makes cork the only closure material with a positive environmental impact.

However, the wonders of cork go far beyond its contribution to the environment. Cork is a soft and flexible material that just happens to perfectly preserve the quality and flavor of liquids over time. This property has been known for centuries - so much so that the oldest drinkable champagne in the world, protected with a cork stopper, is intact after being lost at sea for 200 years.



## Make it your own



Artis' customization service is the best way to translate the unending creativity behind your irresistible products onto a tangible token your customers can cherish. Making your stopper notably your own lets your clients know just how exclusive the product they're getting is - and just how devoted the brand they're getting it from is.

With Lafitte Bartop - and with the help of our team - you are free to choose the materials, colors and shapes that best suit your brand. Feel free to add any signature designs that speak to your identity and let your bottles be absolutely unmistakable.

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# The Collections

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# Artis Heritage

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A concerted effort to preserve our heritage is a vital link to our cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, and economic legacies - all of the things that quite literally make us who we are.

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Steve Berry



Artis Heritage celebrates the treasure of history. At Lafitte, we know how valuable tradition is: we recognize the knowledge, values and stories passed on from one generation to the next as a rich form of connection and an important part of one's identity. This intangible legacy deserves to be acclaimed with a fitting topper.

Created with the most exquisite materials, the Artis Heritage collection is a pompous celebration of culture and wisdom, and the wealth they offer our lives, rituals and spirits. Heritage is a whisper of yesterday in perfect harmony with modern standards, trends and the most upscale materials available. It allows you to showcase your connection with the past in a contemporary and sophisticated manner that guarantees your brand won't go unnoticed.



# Artis Premium

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True icons are larger than life,  
unforgettable with an elegance  
that's mesmerizingly timeless.

—

François Nars





When something is undeniably good, it deserves to be recognized as such, right at first glance. Created with noble materials, Artis Premium truly lives up to its name. This collection is an ode to the greatest things life has to offer - material and otherwise. Born from handpicked fine woods molded into elegant shapes, Artis Premium is a subtle taste of luxury molded with a grounding touch of class.

This collection merges two of nature's greatest gifts: wood and cork - a long lived and evergreen union. Pure sleekness and lovable roughness come together to create an outstanding product that will grant your bottles a distinct aura of exclusiveness that emerges from the crowd like no other.



# Artis Minimal

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Simplicity is nature's first step, and  
the last of art.

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Philip James  
Bailey



There is indisputable value in simplicity: the way in which it allows for a piece to simultaneously blend in and stand out is nothing short of marvelous. Artis Minimal is a voyage back to one's roots, where nature and art blend beautifully.

While it is a more casual option, Minimal Collection does not forget a single ounce of finesse found in the other Artis collections. Minimal makes use of pristine materials, such as wood and high-density plastic, to achieve the level of perfection Lafitte Bartop wants you to get used to. Each top closure is completed with an equally high quality natural or micro agglomerated cork stopper, assuring the immaculate preservation of your products.



# Bio Collection

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To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug.

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Helen Keller



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Nature is, without a doubt, the most delicate of luxuries. Sparkling crystal waters, luscious green meadows and golden sunsets are as kind on the eye as it can be. At Lafitte Bartop, we work hard to preserve this effortless beauty, and our brand new Bio Collection is the supple fruit of that labor.

The Bio Collection is a range of fully biodegradable bar top closures. A cork body - on its own, entirely natural and recyclable - is embraced by a cork or cornstarch topper. Combining compassion for the environment and passion for design, these bar top closures are created to offer a sleek finish, resembling plastic or wood, with a captivating texture and a large array of customization options.

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## Technical Info

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# General Information

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## Description

Natural, multipieces, colmated or agglomerated cork stopper, rounded or chamfered glued to a top (capsule) with hot melt. This capsule can be made of plastic, wood, porcelain, metal or other materials.

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## Sizes

27x20mm  
27x19.5mm  
27x19mm  
27x18.5mm  
26x19mm

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## Washing

Washing with a peroxide hydrogen solution, followed by neutralization, in order to obtain a proper disinfection and colour homogenization.

Designation RCPI.

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## Coating

It can be or not be coated. Water basis coloured coating.

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## Marking

Marking requested by client. It may be done using paint or fire for the body and just using fire for the tops. Unless otherwise request by client, the registered countermarks RCPI, CR or are placed.

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## Surface Treatment

The surface treatment is carried out in two phases: paraffin and silicone.

Designation RCPcap or RCPcsp.

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## Remarks

Our products and processes comply with the laws and regulations, including the International Code of Cork Stopper Manufacturing Practice and the Portuguese and European legislation for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

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## Packaging

They are packed tightly in LDPE plastic bags with 1.000 cork stoppers, under vacuum, with 0,5 or 1,5 mg/cork stopper of SO<sub>2</sub>, and placed in cardboard boxes with or without printing.

The amount is usually a box of 3.000 cork stoppers.

The cardboard boxes are strapped and/or palletized (wrapped in stretch film).

For small amounts can be sent without stretch film.

In the boxes or raffia bags is placed a label with the following information:

- supplier name, customer name, size x class
- marking (if applicable), lot number, box number, corks amount per box, order number and other information requested by client.

When shipment is not made by RCP INTERNATIONAL S.A. is placed another label with the client's address.

# Technical Specifications

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## Dimensionals

### Stopper Length

Nominal value  $\pm 0,5$  mm

### Stopper Diameter

Nominal value  $\pm 0,3$  mm

### Ovality

$\leq 0,5$  mm

### Chamfered/Rounded

Nominal value  $\pm 0,5$ mm

### Total height

Nominal value  $\pm 0,7$ mm

### Exposed height

Nominal value  $\pm 0,5$ mm

### Cap external diameter

— Nominal value  $\pm 0,4$ mm

— Nominal value  $\pm 0,5$ mm

### Cap height

— Nominal value  $\pm 0,4$ mm  
plastic cap, other materials.

— Nominal value  $\pm 0,5$ mm  
wood cap, other natural materials.

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## Physicals/Mechanicals

### Humidity

$5\% \leq H \leq 8\%$

### Absorption<sup>(\*)</sup>

$\leq 5\%$

### Dust Content

< 1,5 mg/cork stopper (Flower to 1st);

< 2mg/cork stopper (2nd to 4th and agglomerated bartop);

< 2,5mg/cork stopper (5th,6th and colmated bartop)

### Boiling water resistance

— Absence of opening on bonding plan (to multipiece cork stoppers)

— Absence of disintegration (to agglomerated, microagglomerated cork stoppers)

### Capillarity<sup>(\*)</sup>

< 1 mm

### Gluing resistance<sup>(\*)</sup>

100% of cork covered area

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## Chemicals

### Oxidants

— < 0,2 mg/cork stopper - untreated cork stoppers

— 0 mg/cork stopper - treated cork stoppers

2,4,6 - trichloroanisole (TCA) -  $\leq 2$  ng /l

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## Sensorials

Unusual smells in the cork - No unusual smells.

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## Microbiologicals

### Number of colonies<sup>(\*)</sup>

$\leq 4$  UFC/cork stopper

# Recomendations

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## Intended Use

Bartop cork stoppers to close wines, liqueurs and other alcoholic beverages with the bottle handling on the vertical position.

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## Validity

The maximum period that cork stoppers should be kept in stock after the treatment date should not exceed 4 months, in appropriate storage conditions.

This is due to the fact of sulphur dioxide – SO<sub>2</sub> – used as an antiseptic and antioxidant declines over the time, increasing the likelihood of microbial

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## Transportation Recommendations

Making the transport in a closed vehicle, clean, dry and free of odours.

It should be avoided the fluctuations of humidity during transport.

Transportation must take preferably cork products, providing that they are free of odours.

It can be transported with other products since they are not toxic and are free of odours.

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## Storage Humidity

The storage relative humidity must be between 40% and 70%.

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## Storage Temperature

The storage temperature must be between 15 °C and 20°C.

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## Other Storage Recommendations

In the case of warehouses don't present values of moisture and temperature within the recommended ranges, the product should be checked before use. The cork stoppers should be stored in a dry, clean and ventilated place and insulated from floors and environments that can somehow transmit odours or flavours.

It's not recommended the use of pallets treated with halogenated products – suggestion: heat treatment.

Disinfections should be carried out periodically to all material that can be a vehicle of contamination. Avoid the use of disinfectants with chlorine.

Treated cork stoppers: once the package is opened, the cork stoppers should be used as soon as possible.

If the cork stoppers are not used it is advisable to seal hermetically the bag that contains them and add to it a small amount of an antimicrobial agent such as sulphur dioxide - SO<sub>2</sub>.

After bottling, during the transport, storage, etc... You should keep the bottles stocked on vertical position.

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