

## NEW BARRELS

### PREPARATION & MAINTENANCE



- Check for possible damage produced during transportation.
  - Do not remove protective wrapping (plastic film and cardboard) until the moment of its use.
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- Constant ambient humidity between 70 and 85%.
- Insolated ambience with a temperature from 12 to 15° C (54 to 59°F).



- Protection from the sun's rays.
  - Isolation from external sources of pollution.
  - On supports (racks, pallets, platforms).
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- Remove protective wrappings.
  - **Cold-water Hydrating:** with cask horizontal, completely fill with chlorine-free water. Place the bung and keep the water for 7-8 hours.
  - **Hot-water Hydrating:** with cask vertical, fill with 20-30 liters of water (70 to 80°C; 158 to 176°F) and place the bung. Keep for 3-4 hours per end.
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- Agitate and stir the cask for several minutes so the water can completely cover its interior.
  - Empty the cask and let it dry up-side down for at least 30 minutes to make sure that there are no traces of water left. If during this process there's an evident presence of any leakage, and it remains, you should contact our offices. The cask is now ready to be used.
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#### **Important:**

Use chlorine-free water for hydrating the cask.