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## Ganau America Doubles Cork Production with a New, Green Sonoma Building

SONOMA, Ca., October 5, 2009 — Ganau America broke ground on September 21st to double its United States' cork output with a new facility in Sonoma, California — a significant element of the company's expansion in the United States market. A state-of-the-art green building will be constructed using the most environmentally sound practices and materials available. This honors the Ganau family's commitment to keeping the international communities it serves both environmentally and economically healthy.



This building will be an important addition to the area's green structures, minimizing wasteful heat transfer, substantially reducing carbon dioxide emissions, using solar power, efficient lighting, and a fully insulated building, all designed to help minimize global warming.

Highly respected local architect Del Starrett has designed the building. Jim Murphy & Associates is the General Contractor with Soule Building Systems providing the metal building.

The upscale 53-acre Carneros Building Park in Sonoma will host Ganau's 39,000-square-foot building on a 2.8-acre parcel. Landscape will be a reproduction of a Sardinian cork forest, the primary source of Ganau's premium wine closures. The building should be completed in 2010.

"This expansion underscores the Ganau family's continued commitment to supply the United States market using the same high-tech facilities we deploy in Europe," Mariella Ganau, CEO of Ganau America, says. "The Sonoma facility is part of a worldwide expansion of Ganau production over the last two years, with construction of over 230,000 square feet, including expanding the Sardinian facility, and building new facilities in Epernay, France and Montijo, Portugal."

Cork is a renewable, biodegradable and recyclable material. Since 1941, The Ganau family has been committed to producing and providing quality corks to discerning winemakers worldwide.

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