


Product News

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New NOPA test kit by Radox

Radox Food Diagnostics is offering a new NOPA test kit for the 2013 harvest. Radox claims its new assay offers the widest ranges in the market: It has a minimum detectable concentration of 5.1 mgN/L and is linear up to a concentration of 500 mgN/L. Test results are ready within seven minutes. Details: radoxfood-diagnostics.com.

Improved wireless data loggers



Lascar Electronics released three improved wireless data-logging sensors. The EL-WiFi-T+ is a temperature-only device with $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{F}$ ($\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$) temperature accuracy. The EL-WiFi-TH+ is a temperature and humidity data logger with a $\pm 0.4^\circ\text{F}$ ($\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$) temperature accuracy and humidity accuracy of $\pm 1.8\%$. The EL-WiFi-TP+ is a temperature-only data logger with external thermistor probe and a $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{F}$ ($\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$) temperature accuracy. The units have WiFi capability and integrated displays. Details: lascarelectronics.com.

New piston pump for drums

Graco Inc. unveiled its new SaniForce 2:1 piston pump, which is designed to transfer liquids from drums and bins. The pump can handle low- to medium-viscosity liquids and can be inserted through a standard bung-hole. Flow capacity ranges from 1.5 gpm at 60 cpm to 2.5 gpm at 100 cpm. Details: graco.com.



VinPerfect offers new options

Screwcap closure manufacturer VinPerfect released two new closure liners providing what it claims are distinct and reliable oxygen-transfer rates. The company reports its “medium plus” liner is designed for red wines that require slightly more oxygen in the bottle, and the “light” option is good for wines made “with the intention of being more approachable while still young.” Details: vinperfect.com.



Gamajet releases limited edition 'XXX' tank washer

To celebrate its 30 years of supplying the wine industry, Gamajet released a limited edition “XXX” large tank washer. The tank washer employs Gamajet’s rotary impingement system, which combines pressure and flow to create high-impact cleaning jets. Details: gamajet.com.

VinNOW software updated

Update Software Inc. launched the latest version of its VinNOW software system to manage direct-to-consumer wine sales. The


new version includes functions to help manage tasting room activity, wine shipping and wine clubs. Updates include a complete ShipCompliant integration to streamline the compliance and shipping processes. Details: vinnow.com.



Coravin wine-dispensing system

The new Coravin System is designed to enable users to pull a taste or a glass of wine from a bottle without removing the cork. The unit employs a hollow needle that pierces the foil and cork of a wine bottle. Once the needle is inserted, the Coravin dispenses argon gas to pressurize the bottle and essentially act like a miniature barrel-racking device. After the needle is removed, the pierced cork reseals itself, and the remaining wine is preserved under a layer of argon. Details: coravin.com.

Transparent tank stave



Seguin Moreau unveiled transparent Plexiglas staves that offer a view into the fermentation process conducted in oak tanks. The cooper developed the staves for Château Mouton Rothschild in France as part of the Premier Grand Cru winery’s cellar renovation that was completed this year. Seguin Moreau reports it provided the winery with 44 vats, each fitted with two of the transparent staves. Details: seguinmoreaunapa.com.

Versatron case packer

Standard Knapp’s Versatron case packer with lowering head offers a “fully programmable pick-and-place motion” that can achieve positive placement to the bottom of each case. The lowering head module can be equipped with various gripper heads to provide “safe, consistent, damage-free placement of products into each case with zero drop.” Depending on the size of the product, the lowering head can operate at 30 cycles per minute. Details: standard-knapp.com.

New configurations for metering pump

Moyno’s metering pump is now available in bare shaft, close-coupled and motorized configurations. According to product information, the bare shaft configuration is a good option for applications requiring a separate drive. The close-coupled configuration permits buyers to add their own motor, gear motor or variable speed drive, and the motorized configuration is the most compact model, which also comes with AC and DC variable speed drives. Details: moyno.com.

New closure by Supercap

Italian closure manufacturer Supercap Srl. released its “Nature” synthetic cork, which it claims offers the design and appearance of natural cork with the “qualitative advantage” of a synthetic. The company worked with sommelier Luca Gardini to develop a product that “protects all organoleptic aspects” of a wine until it’s uncorked. Details: supercap.it.

