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Nektar ID helps winemakers dealing with smoke taint

Pronektar, the brand of oak for enology from Radoux Cooperage, managed to mitigate “smoke taint” in 2020 wines using the *nektar id* trial kit.

Some wines affected during the 2020 harvest by the massive fires on the West Coast, show the unpredictable and damaging “smoke taint” character. Winemakers need solutions to deal with this major issue.

Using oak alternatives is an option that can help ameliorate the “smoke taint”. However, how does one choose which oak products to use and the correct dosages for one’s wine?

Before the **Nektar ID** trial kit was developed, the only way to run trials was to soak oak samples in small volumes of wine. This method was long (several weeks to wait before tasting) and was lacking reliability (a small stick of oak cannot be representative of the large volume of staves necessary to treat a big tank of wine). If the experiment failed (oxidation of the samples, inappropriate dosage rate, etc.), everything had to be redone from the start.

The **Nektar ID trial kit** is instantly able to simulate the **final organoleptic profile of a wine after aging with Pronektar oak products** (chips, staves, blocks, etc.).

The kit contains a full set of liquid concentrates individually produced in large-scale volumes in order to make sure that they are fully representative of each product.





In a tasting, winemakers can immediately demonstrate the effect on their wine of every oak alternative of the **Pronektar** range by adding the concentrate in direct dilution.

The USA **Pronektar** Team recently completed some trials using **Nektar ID** on 2020 “smoke tainted” wines. **They identified oak combinations able to mitigate “smoke taint”.**

The USA **Pronektar** Team offers its **Nektar ID** trial service to winemakers with the target to help them minimize the appearance of “smoke taint” in their wines and to improve the final wine quality for the consumer.

***Pronektar** oak for enology was created by **Radoux Cooperage** in 1999 and supplies more than 500 wineries in the USA. **Pronektar**'s latest innovation, the **Nektar ID** trial kit, has already helped design hundreds of profiles of wines in more than 30 countries all over the world.*

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