

HOW TO RE-HYDRATE **DRY/HARD CORKS**

Your corks need to be only soft enough to be useable in your corker.

If too dry, they can crack and are very hard to insert into your bottle.

But, can they be too soft/moist?

The answer, is a big *yes!*

Too moisturized is far worse than a bit too dry.

Here's why:

- Corks are a terrific seal because they have “expandability”. Compress an inch, expand an inch.
- They need to be just “slightly compressible”. This is exactly 5% - 8% moisture content.
- Above 5% - 8% moisture, the cork cells become over-hydrated, waterlogged and fully expanded.
- If over-hydrated, they lose their ability to expand and contract.
- If over-hydrated, they become hard to remove, cracking and breaking apart.

How to re-hydrate your corks to the perfect 5% - 8%:

- Use Clean Corks (dust and dirt free).
- Add ***Distilled Water*** (**no sulfite**)

- Add .4 ml / 10 corks
- Add 4.0 ml / 100 corks
- Add 40.0 ml / 1,000 corks

- Seal in plastic.
- Wait 2-7 days for corks to rehydrate.