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Oak Solutions Group Expands evOAK Latitude Series with Addition of Latitude 33º Mendoza and Latitude 42º Rioja Staves

NAPA, Calif. (February 27, 2018) – Oak Solutions Group is pleased to the announce the latest additions to its successful <u>evOAK Latitude Series</u> – Latitude 33º Mendoza and Latitude 42º Rioja staves. The two new staves join three others in the series including 44º Bordeaux, 45º Rhone and 46º Burgundy.

ēvOAK's Latitude series was originally created with long-term aging in mind, applying a classic winemaking style to varietal-specific, traditional wines. Working with winemakers, Oak Solutions Group identified a need for tank staves that would complement the well-known varietals of the famous winemaking regions - La Rioja and Mendoza.

"When we started developing two new Latitude staves we knew we wanted to emulate the great signature wines of La Rioja and Mendoza," said Kyle Sullivan, Global Managing Director for Oak Solutions Group. "Our final products allow winemakers to capture the essence of wines that are well known from these areas."

La Rioja is famous for high quality wines made from Mediterranean varietals such as Tempranillo. Latitude 42º tames the high tannins of Mediterranean varietals and adds vanilla and toast sweetness to create a round wine, full of complexity. This stave also carries wine with a great structural and viscous mouthfeel.

Malbec, the signature grape of Mendoza, continues to grow in popularity around the world. The Latitude 33º tank stave provides winemakers the sought-after characteristics of the bestselling Malbecs. "This tank stave can support a big red wine like Malbec or red-blends, without overpowering the wine with oak. It emulates the fresh woodiness of a first use French oak barrel, which is a typical characteristic of Malbec, and allows the wine to show true fruit juiciness," said Sullivan.

<u>Oak Solutions Group</u> is a premium oak products company focused on providing expert advice and unparalleled selection. Oak Solutions Group distributes three product lines: <u>evOAK</u> forward thinking oak products, <u>trū/tan</u> innovative oak tannins, and <u>Custom Blends</u>.

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