

Favorite 10 New Products from Unified



WBM's senior technical editor selected 10 products from the many notable ones on display at the Unified Wine & Grape Symposium. Learn what's cool about them.

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INTRODUCTION

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY week in Sacramento, but there was so much optimism on the 2008 Unified Wine & Grape Symposium trade show floor that one might have thought it was really sunny with clear skies forever. I've been attending Unified since before it was, well, "unified," and I can't remember a larger or better attended trade show. Attendance this year topped 11,500, up from the previous year's official tally of 10,400.

Once again, there were a large number of new and updated products on display. So many, in fact, that to look at all of them in the 15 hours allotted was a difficult task. In the end, I have selected a few products that caught my eye. Of course, it is somewhat difficult to judge the true value of any piece of winery equipment or consumable by a trade show display, but I have tried to note those products that I think could be important to our industry.

OAK SOLUTIONS GROUP – evOAK PURE2, CUVÉE NO. 1 AND CUVÉE NO. 2 INFUSION STAVES

Oak Solutions Group continues to develop the evOAK product line. As I noted last year, there are so many oak alternative products on the market that it is sometimes difficult to differentiate between them. However, what I find compelling about the evOak line is the way they control their toasting process to bring out specific aromas.

evOAK's newest tank staves deliver concentrated, singular flavor profiles to suit specific needs and are ideal for blending. With a quick extraction rate, the spe-

cially, high extract oak products are ideal finishing products.

What's cool: Makes oak additions almost infinitely flexible. Winemakers can selectively add oak toasted to produce specific oak characters like vanilla, macaroon and crème brûlée.

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