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Artful barrel lids

Saskia Steigleder

Wilhelm Eder GmbH is proud to offer a special service: artful wood carving on barrel lids. This unique form of craftsmanship transforms each barrel into a true work of art, giving it a personal touch that reflects the character and wishes of the customer.

The creative process begins with our experienced carver, Mario Sanden. In close collaboration with the customer, he designs individual motifs precisely tailored to their desires and ideas. Whether it's a company logo, a crest, a dedication for a birthday or wedding, or an artistic design—Mario skillfully turns the customer's ideas into a unique and detailed creation. While this creative process unfolds, the barrel is either produced simultaneously in our cooperage or provided by the customer.

Once the design is finalized and approved by the customer, the real artistry begins. The barrel is brought to Mario Sanden, who meticulously carves the motif into the wood with great care and craftsmanship. This work requires not only technical skill but also a deep passion for the mate-

Exclusive wood carving for custom barrels

rial and the design. Each cut is made methodically to bring out the full splendor and depth of the motif.

Optionally, the carved motif can be colored to add additional accents and make the design even more personalized. This finishing touch gives the barrel lid a special character and makes the motif appear even more vibrant.

After the carving is complete, the barrel is returned to Wilhelm Eder GmbH, where it undergoes a final inspection and finishing in our cooperage. The barrel is then carefully checked and prepared for delivery. Once all work is completed, the finished barrel is handed over to the customer—a unique piece that combines craftsmanship, creativity, and individuality.





Maison Moussié

Stephan Kirst

New procedures for curious minds!

Barrels toasted over lava or jade stone? We eagerly anticipated our first tasting and were pleasantly surprised by the positive influence this patented toasting process had on the barrels. Free from roasted aromas, the fruit of the wine and the terroir comes to the forefront. In my opinion, this special type of toasting is recommended for delicate, elegant white and red wines that are intended to be matured precisely through the wood.

Different toasting levels allow the wood to impart varying influences. Here, you can choose from Harmony, Complexité, Elegance, and Volupté. Each toasting level involves different heat parameters, creating distinct profiles in the barrel.

It's also possible to select the maturation time of the wood - 20 months, 30 months, or 36 months. Another factor is the fine porosity of the wood, which can range from 0.1 mm to 2 mm depending on the wood type.

The differences between the stones lie in their heat conductivity and minerality, both of which also influence the wooden barrel. Yes, even the stone from your region can be used!

These barrels prove to be extremely exciting—we would be happy to advise you personally.



Insight into the everyday life of a cooper

Interview with Benjamin Scherf

What does a typical working day for a cooper look like?

A typical working day is hard to generalize, as every day is different. Unlike in an industrial company, where processes are clearly structured, we require a lot of teamwork and versatility. Teamwork is especially crucial when producing large barrels.

What tools and materials do you use in your work?

We use a variety of tools, from hand planes to electric machines such as planers and jigsaws. We also use materials like reeds, flour, and linseed to seal the barrels.

What special skills are required for this job?

You need a mix of calculation skills, physical strength, and a passion for working with wood. The necessary strength develops over time.

What challenges do you face in your daily work?

There are various challenges, such as raising or lowering barrels into the cellar. These tasks require teamwork and physical effort.

Do you have any particularly interesting or unusual stories from your daily work?

One special experience was repairing a barrel that was over 90 years old. It was a challenge to replace the old staves, but in the end, the customer was satisfied, and I was proud of my work.

What advice would you give to people considering a career in woodworking?

Anyone interested in working with wood should not be afraid to get their hands dirty. It's a varied and fulfilling job. I encourage anyone interested to come and see the craft firsthand.

Jubilees

We would like to thank our team members who have been with us for many years. Their dedication and commitment are the cornerstone of our success.

5 years: Jens (Cooperage), Daniel (Team Leader, Cooperage), Tobias (Cooperage), Andrea (the company's good soul and coffee supplier)

10 years: Sascha (Carpentry Team Leader) and Sami (Warehouse Team Leader)

The Eder family invited all employees to a barbecue in our newly designed courtyard on July 19, 2024.

For this occasion, work was stopped two hours earlier so that everyone could relax and enjoy the event. There were cool drinks, delicious food from the grill, salads, and dips made by the employees.



Our cooper colleague Jens, who works as a bartender in his spare time, also mixed great cocktails for everyone. It was a successful afternoon filled with great conversations.

Our colleagues truly appreciate these gatherings as they allow us to spend time together in a relaxed atmosphere and engage in interesting discussions.

Angela Pfahler

BSI in Bad Dürkheim

Michelle Haber

On August 1, we had the great pleasure of welcoming the Federal Association of the German Spirits Industry and Importers (BSI) to our company for a tour as part of their annual general meeting of the Bavarian and Baden-Württemberg regional groups.

A big thank you to all participants for the visit, the exciting insights, and the inspiring exchange from "the other side" of the barrel. We are already looking forward to the next meeting and further joint projects!



Creative unique pieces

From used barrels and PEFC-certified wood from our sawmill: custom-made furniture from our joinery

Angela Pfahler

In our joinery, we create not only unique pieces of furniture from used barrels and wood from our sawmill but also custom-made furnishings for the entire house. Whether for the bathroom, office, or living area - our carpenters transform the material into high-quality, stylish furniture.

Wooden bathroom furniture: style and functionality

Our wooden bathroom furniture combines natural charm with modern functionality. Each piece is individually crafted to perfectly match the needs and style of our customers. The warm wood creates a cozy atmosphere and brings a piece of nature into your bathroom.

The special whisky table: a highlight for connoisseurs

Our whisky table is a true highlight for all whisky lovers. The unique feature of this table is the integration of a barrel into the design. The cask is mounted on a raised surface, making it easily accessible for taking samples. The raised support, at bistro table height, is fitted with a tabletop where glasses and accessories can be placed during tasting. This unique piece of furniture combines practicality with a touch of elegance and is a real eye-catcher.



Sustainability and creativity combined

Sustainability is a priority in our joinery. By reusing old barrels and other materials, we not only create individual and stylish furniture but also contribute to environmental protection. Each of our furniture pieces is unique, made with great attention to detail and craftsmanship.

First aid courses



Last summer, our company successfully held two first aid courses on two Saturdays. The aim was to enhance workplace safety and better prepare employees for emergencies.

All employees from the sawmill, joinery, cooperage, and office departments participated in these important training sessions.

We would like to thank the German Red Cross for their professional instruction and our employees for their committed participation. Health and safety in the workplace are our top priorities, and we are proud to actively contribute to this through such initiatives.

Dates

Construction fair

08.11. – 10.11.2024, Bad Dürkheim

BrauBeviale

26.11. – 28.11.2024, Nürnberg

Agricultural days

27.01. – 31.01.2025, Mainz

Winemaker Service Fair

05.02. – 07.02.2025, Karlsruhe

Subject to change without notice. For current information, please check our website.



Our Team

Carpentry

Here, barrels are given a second life

By repurposing old wooden barrels and using wood from our own sawmill, we create beautiful shelves, cabinets, tables, benches, and much more.



Sascha is a carpenter and one of our longest-standing colleagues. He not only leads the carpentry team in our company but also co-founded it. Under his creative and organized leadership, barrels find a second life as furniture and as professional equipment for large barrels.



Sebastian is a master carpenter and an excellent addition to the carpentry team. His extravagant and elegant furniture designs made from repurposed barrels quickly gained popularity, as did Sebastian himself. His level-headed and organized manner facilitates effective teamwork.



Jeroen is the newest member of our carpentry workshop and is continuing his apprenticeship with us. He demonstrated his talent for creative work and excellent craftsmanship right from the start, and we look forward to working with him in the coming years.

The EU deforestation regulation

/ Sibylle Eder

Sustainability is a hot topic and is fortunately being integrated into many companies with a view to the future.

However, anyone dealing with wood as a raw material is required to go the extra mile. Wood is a particularly sustainable but also sensitive resource. Unfortunately, forests are still often sacrificed for agriculture or livestock farming and are endangered, if not destroyed, by large-scale deforestation.

The deforestation regulation adopted by the European Union this year aims to prevent this while supporting sustainable forestry. In the future, an information system will provide precise geolocation data on the origin of timber. This can be envisioned as a map where regions with low to high deforestation risk can be identified.

If the raw wood or wood product originates from a high-risk region, the wood may be confiscated. This regulation puts EU producers on equal footing with producers from third countries, with

the clear goal of making supply chains even more transparent. While this regulation is a step in the right direction environmentally, it does involve additional bureaucracy, posing greater challenges for small companies.



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