



# WHO WE ARE

GRANORTE is a Portuguese family company, founded in 1972 to recycle the cork waste from the wine cork stoppers manufacturing industry. From the beginning we have dedicated our attention to product research and development, resulting on innovative production processes and technical excellence.

Our significant know-how in cork allowed us to develop into an expanding producer of technical solutions using cork. Today, GRANORTE is a leading sustainable panel manufacturer, producer of thrilling environmentally responsible products. One tradition was kept unchanged however: the quiet revolutionary way of promote ongoing, consistent, breakthrough creativity. This innovation culture and teamwork encouraging have been the basis of our success.

#### AWARDS:

Elected in 2005 the best Portuguese company in the area of wood, cork and furniture.

"PME Líder", recognizing the company's work as an example of excellence, quality & leadership.

2012 Best SME, Export and Internationalization Awards BES / Jornal de Negócios.

iF Design Award 2015,

Green Good Design 2015,

German Design Award Nominee 2016.

### **ABOUT CORK**

Cork is the outer bark of the cork oak tree, which grows mainly in the Mediterranean region of the world. This tree has a life span of about 200 years. Each cork tree must be 20 to 25 years old before it can provide its best harvest of cork. After extracting the cork a new layer starts generating and nine years have to pass until a new harvest can take place. The cork harvesting is made in a sustainable manner and does not harm the tree which is never cut down or removed.

With the increasing concern for the environment, cork oak remains the only tree whose bark can regenerate itself after harvest leaving the tree unharmed. Furthermore, the cork oak tree has the remarkable capacity to retain carbon and a harvested cork tree fixates almost five times more carbon. These exceptional characteristics make cork a naturally sustainable product and its use contributes to the preservation of a unique habitat in the world.





# WHY GRANORTE CORK

Cork is the perfect environmentally friendly material and the ideal option when looking for coverings that offer a naturally sustainable alternative. It is also amazingly versatile, and designers can explore the material in a surprisingly creative fashion. By altering colour and the way the cork is 'laid up' it becomes possible to create a whole range of textures and visual effects, without upsetting performance and maintaining cork's natural properties.

With over 40 million natural "cushion cells" per cubic centimetre, cork is a natural sound and thermal insulator, comfortable underfoot, quiet, warm and pleasant to the touch.

Cork coverings do not absorb dust and are resistant to bacteria and fungus. They do not cause allergies nor pose a risk to asthma sufferers and have very low volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions.

#### Some of GRANORTE cork's most unique and useful properties are:

#### Lightness:

Cork is light and will float on water. For many thousands of years, this has been its most evident and most celebrated characteristic. In antiquity cork was used in fishing equipment.

#### **Elasticity and Resiliency:**

The cellular membranes are very flexible, making the cork both compressible and elastic. These characteristics, in alliance with others, largely explain how cork has become indispensable for stoppers.

This capacity means that the cork can be fitted perfectly against the walls of the bottleneck. When cork is subjected to strong pressure the gas in the cells is compressed and reduces considerably in volume. When released from pressure cork immediately recovers its original volume.

#### Impermeability:

The presence of suberin (a complex mixture of fatty acids and heavy organic alcohol) renders cork impermeable to both liquids and gases. As a result it does not rot, and may therefore be considered one of the best seals available.

#### Insulation & fire retardant qualities:

Cork has one of the best insulating capacities, thermal and acoustical, of all natural substances. This is due to the fact that the gaseous elements are sealed in tiny, impermeable compartments, insulated one from the other by a moisture resistant material.

Cork is a natural fire retardant as it does not spread flames and does not release toxic gases during combustion.

#### Resistance to wear:

Cork is also remarkable resistant to wear and has a high friction coefficient. Thanks to the honeycomb structure of the suberose surface it is less affected by impact and friction that other hard surfaces.

#### Hypoallergenic:

Cork does not absorb dust and consequently does not cause allergies nor pose a risk to asthma sufferers. It is constitutionally inalterable and so its efficiency is guaranteed.













Country Blue

Country White 7451

















Primus Rustic Brown 7455

7456 Twist Green











Primus Rustic Rust

7553









Element Rustic Black 7555



Expression Brown 7557

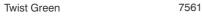


Country Black 7560











Primus Rustic Brown 7562



Twist Green 7563



Primus Rustic Brown 7564







Primus Rustic Rust

7566



Country Ivory 7565



Twist Green 7567









Slate 7651 Thickness: 50mm



Country Ivory 7652 Thickness: 25mm



Primus Rustic Rust 7653 Thickness: 25mm



# GRANORTE® delivering nature

# Cork Wall Coverings

915mm x 610mm (3ft x 2ft), Thickness: 3mm



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