

Press release

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Bucher reinforces its winemaking equipment business

Bucher Vaslin SA, a subsidiary of Bucher Industries, is acquiring selected Sutter wine press operations for specialised wineries from Swiss-based Filtrix Group. The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

Bucher Vaslin, the leading international manufacturer of winemaking equipment headquartered in Chalonnes-sur-Loire, France, is reinforcing its wine press business and acquiring selected assets and expertise from Filtrix Group, St. Gallen, Switzerland. The purchase covers Sutter brand wine presses, as well as its spare parts and service business. Sutter wine presses are designed for smaller-sized, specialised top-tier wineries and are a good complementary fit with Bucher Vaslin's operations. Installed Sutter presses are used by more than one thousand customers. The main markets are Switzerland, France and Germany. The acquisition does not include employees. They will take on new responsibilities within the Filtrix Group. The Filtrix Group is exiting the wine press business to focus on its core competence in filtration.

Bucher Vaslin will integrate the Sutter wine press operations in its main Chalonnes-sur-Loire plant and provide spare parts and service through selected Sutter dealers and its own excellently positioned network of dealers.

Bucher Vaslin is a unit of the Bucher Specials segment and the international leader in the development, manufacture and distribution of winemaking equipment. Its manufacturing facilities are located in France and Chile.

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