

Coopering

After aging, the staves are formed by machines into the proper shape and form for barrel assembly. After they are cut to the proper length, they are tapered at each end and beveled. Then they are planed on the outside, slightly hollowed on the inside and jointed by high precision machining. After being inspected and selected, the staves are given to a cooper for assembly. At this essential stage of the manufacturing process, the handwork begins. Our craftsmen with irreplaceable experience and, above all, appreciation for work well done now adds their personal touch. The sharp-eyed cooper selects his staves, setting aside those that do not suit him. Then he assembles the staves inside a metal hoop that serves as the assembly jig. This operation, so spectacular in its speed and precision, is what the cooper calls the "mise en rose" or "raising the barrel."