

The Triangle Business Journal named Marc Noël as 2017 CEO of the Year Award winner.



Marc Noël, Nomacorc and Vinventions Founder & Executive Chairman

Vinventions' founder and chairman, Marc Noël, has been named by Triangle Business Journal as [2017 CEO of the Year Award winner](#). The award, based on responses from other CEOs and top executives in the Triangle is a special honor to Marc.

"I appreciate the honor that my fellow executives in the area have bestowed upon me with this award," said Marc. "I am really the ambassador for all of our family and associates (our extended family) who with dedication and hard work have made our companies successful."

Marc is a visionary entrepreneur who has set two successful companies on the global stage. First Nomaco in 1979, and then Nomacorc in 1999.

In the 90's, Marc, together with his father, the Belgian businessman Gert Noël, decided to create an alternative wine closure based on the foam extrusion technology to solve the wine industry's biggest problem, the cork taint. In 1999,

Marc established Nomacorc that since has become the world's largest producer of alternative wine closures with more than 20 billion closures sold worldwide.

In 2015, Nomacorc joined Vinventions, a group created by Marc Noël with Bespoke Capital Partners, Dr. Heino Freudenberg and additional partners.

"We are really at a new stage in the life of Nomacorc," explained Marc. "Through Vinventions, Nomacorc is evolving from a single-product company to a full-service provider to the wine industry by offering a broad portfolio of products, technologies and services."

"The CEO of the Year Award is a great recognition of Marc Noël's dedication for Vinventions and the other companies of the Noël Group. In the name of the Vinventions family, I want to congratulate Marc for this Award," says Dr. Heino Freudenberg, President and CEO of Vinventions. "We will continue to lead the companies Marc has entrusted to us in his spirit and with his values".

Vinventions mission is to become the most innovative and trusted global supplier of complete wine closure solutions to the still and sparkling wine industry. In pursuit of this vision, the first step of Vinventions in January 2015 was the acquisition of Nomacorc. In July 2015, Ohlinger Group joined Vinventions. In November 2015, Vinventions completed a distribution agreement with Vinolok/Vinoseal, adding high-performance glass closures to its growing range of wine closure solutions. In January 2016, Syntek joined Vinventions with their selection of consistent and economical synthetic closures.

"In keeping our commitment to sustainability and driven by innovation, Vinventions added several new and inventive offerings to its portfolio in 2016. Zest is the world's first zero carbon footprint sparkling wine closure. Nomacorc's Green Line takes an earlier generation of Nomacorc closures to a new superior level of performance, design and sustainability. Furthermore, our last innovation is SÜBR, the world's most sustainable, glue-free microagglomerated natural cork", says Heino Freudenberg, President and CEO of Vinventions.

Marc Noël continues to provide strategic leadership to Vinventions, serving as chairman as well as CEO of Noël Group, the holding company for Nomaco and Vinventions.

In addition to this CEO of the Year honor, Marc is a past recipient of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Marc and other TBJ honorees will receive their awards on May 19th.

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