



# CASE STUDIES

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## THE BERCLOUX DISTILLERY:

### A FAMILY BUSINESS OF VISIONARIES!

**Founded in 2002 in France, in the Cognac region, the Bercloux Brewery started its activities in the old family winery. At that time, Philippe Laclie, a fifth-generation member of the family, decided to extend its agricultural and wine activities by creating the Bercloux brewery. In 2014 the brewery decided to further enlarge its range of products by creating the Bercloux Distillery.**

Success came rapidly, and today the distillery is producing not only beers and plant- and fruit-based alcoholic

drinks, but mainly its own whiskies which represent its key products!

At the beginning of 2020, the French company behind Bellevoie Whisky joined the business, which boosted production and the need to modernise at the Bercloux Distillery.

The optimal solution to increasing the capacity, and simultaneously efficiency and quality, was clearly the integration of the **Meura2001** technology in the brewhouse.



Meura advised the Bercloux Distillery to opt for a Meura2001 Craft Junior suited for throws of 1050 kg malt equivalent.



Closing the gap between the **Meura2001 Senior** and the **Meura2001 Micro**, the advantages of the **Meura2001 Craft Junior** are indeed numerous:

- ▶ Possibility to brew with **all kinds of raw materials** for every portion.
- ▶ Increased productivity thanks to a total cycle time of < 100 minutes.
- ▶ **Extract savings** compared to the lauter tun between 2 and 10% (latter for very high-density wort)
- ▶ **Water savings** between 1 to 2 liters/l.
- ▶ Possibility for **Very High Gravity brewing** (16-22°P)
- ▶ **Very high quality** of the wort, thanks to a brighter wort (<5ml/l Imhoff).
- ▶ **Dry spent grains** of 26-30% dry matter.
- ▶ Lower trub volume is achieved because of the bright wort by an approximate 30- 50%. **Lower hop consumption** (ca 5-15%) with a better yield due to the lower trub content.
- ▶ **Modular system** allows an expansion of the system for additional capacity in the future.
- ▶ **Full flexibility in throw.** Intermediate plates allow almost any size brews to be performed, whether for production or low volume trials.



The order was signed on February 2020, and despite the globally chaotic period that followed, it was possible to install the equipment in July that same year.

Today the Bercloux Distillery is the first one in France to have installed the world famous Meura2001.

- ▶ Should you also be interested in acquiring one of Meura's state of the art equipment for your distillery, **do not hesitate to contact us!**

