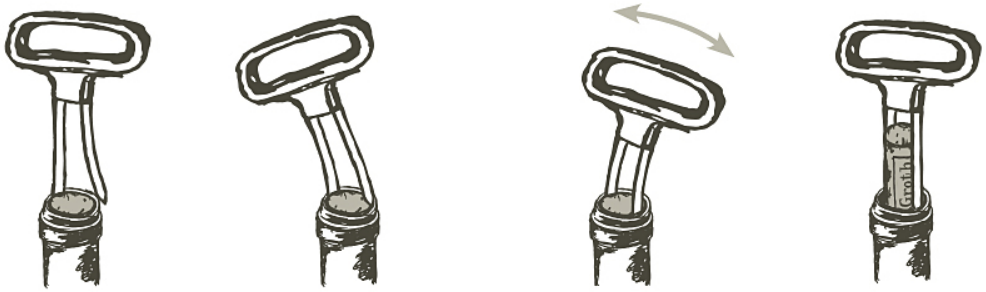
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How to Use an Ah-So

The two-pronged ah-so is an invaluable tool for pulling the cork on library wines.

Over time, the coating on the cork binds to the inside of the bottle, which makes it more difficult to extract a delicate, older cork without damaging or breaking it. Instead of screwing into the middle of the cork like a traditional wine key, the ah-so grabs the cork from the outside to break its bond with the bottle and provide for gentle removal.

To use the ah-so, cut and remove the foil capsule, then follow these steps:



STEP 1

Gently push the long prong between the inside of the neck and cork, about 3mm.

STEP 2

Pull back on the long prong just enough to insert the short prong into the opposite side of the cork.

STEP 3

Gently wiggle the prongs, applying slight pressure as you work them down the neck toward the end of the cork.

STEP 4

Once the prongs are inserted, hold the ah-so stable and slowly twist the bottle while gently edging the cork upward.

After the cork is removed, use a napkin or paper towel to gently wipe any cork debris or sediment from the neck of the bottle.

If any cork material gets inside the bottle, there's no need to worry. Simply pour it off into a "host's glass" for yourself. You can also pour the wine through a very fine screen into a decanter.

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Want to see how it's done? View our IGTV video with Director of Winegrowing Cameron Parry on "How to Use an Ah-So."