



Planting Procedure-Dormant Vines (inc. own roots)

All information contained in this article is meant as a guide only, and variances may occur under different site conditions.

Timing of Planting

Earlier establishment maximises the length of the growing season and the potential for vine development. However early establishment needs to be weighed against frost risk, weed control, water-logging and low soil temperatures. For most regions and sites the ideal time to plant is from mid-September through to mid-October. Planting should occur preferably on cool days and ideally prior to the hot and dry part of the season.

Planting

Vines should be planted as soon as possible once received.

Dormant Rootlings

Prior to planting the root system may need to be trimmed back. The severity of the trimming will depend on the planting technique:

- For machine planting cut back to approximately 5 cm
- For water jet planting cut back to approximately 12 cm
- For shovel planting a root system of greater than 12 cm can be kept so long as the roots are in a downward pointing position in the hole.

Push the dormant vine into the planting hole until it hits the base of the hole, then lift upward so the roots are orientated downwards. Approximately 20 cm of the vine trunk should be below the soil surface. Shovel some topsoil around the base of the vine and press firmly to expel all air pockets.