

# Know before you buy

*A guide to sourcing high-quality planting material*

## It all starts with one vine...

Your vines are one of the most important investments you'll make. The decisions made before they're planted can influence vineyard performance for decades.

When selecting planting material, ask the questions that help you understand where your vines have come from, how they've been produced, and what assurances your nursery can provide.



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### Know your nursery

Does the nursery participate in an accreditation or certification program?

Ask what accreditation, certification or industry programs they participate in.

Know what credentials sit behind your supplier.

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### Know the source

Can the nursery provide information on where the propagation material came from?

Ask about traceability, source blocks and health status of the source material.

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### Know the assurance

Can the nursery provide documentation to support their practices?

This might include nursery assurance systems, hygiene protocols, traceability records or health/virus status reports.



## Did you know?

### Hot water treatment does not kill viruses!

While HWT is highly effective at eradicating insects, nematodes, fungi and phytoplasmas (which are bacteria, not viruses), actual viral elimination requires entirely different techniques.



## Plan ahead...

### Ask your nursery for lead-up time

To ensure you get the best quality vines, lead times might be anywhere between **14–18 months**



*Good questions today. Stronger vines tomorrow*  
A few simple questions now can help protect your investment, your vineyard and your future.



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