



Practical Tips has been shunted aside

For this issue we have something far more exciting to share with you...

Last year we were approached by Lincoln University who were conducting a Nursery Botryosphaeria infection survey with funding from New Zealand Winegrowers.

Eleven Nurseries submitted samples. From your perspective and ours the acid test was always going to be Sauvignon Blanc on 101-14. That's the combination that has had the worst press.

Misty Valley submitted grafted plants -Sauvignon Blanc on 101-14, Sauvignon Blanc on 5c. We also submitted 3309 and 101-14 cuttings.

Now let's cut to the chase...

THE INDEPENDENT TEST PROVED THAT WE'VE GOT IT RIGHT. WE WERE THE ONLY NURSERY IN THE STUDY TO BE FOUND COMPLETELY FREE OF BOTRYOSPHERA IN ALL SAMPLES SUBMITTED.

For quite a few years, a number of commentators and researchers have speculated that young vine decline in NZ has been associated with a range

of wood borne fungi. These include Phaeomoniella, Phaeoacremonium, Cylindrocarpon, and Botryosphaeria.

In more recent times the finger has been pointed at Botryosphaeria contaminated vines.

Some years ago we at Misty Valley decided to instigate a hygiene programme with the goal of eliminating fungal pathogens from the vines we deliver to our customers.

To do this we were faced with the daunting task of finding out how and where the bugs were getting in to the grafting material. We then had to develop the technology and hygiene protocols to manage the risk. This independent result confirms that we are leading the way.

This is great news for all of us. For you it means there is an advantage when you plant our vines. When you plant a vine free of pathogens, your vineyard has the advantage of growing better and producing earlier. In these tough times, that's an economic benefit you can't ignore. For us it's like having cracked the 'Da Vinci Code'. We have had independent verification that our hygiene technology is second to none.

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