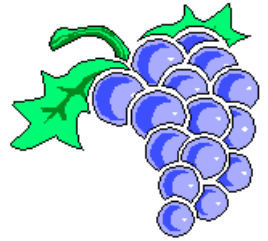


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Planting Terms and Conditions

It is the responsibility of the grower to properly prepare the field for planting: The success and accuracy of the planting and the growth of the vines will be directly affected by the quality of the soil preparation.

Deep Ripping (18"-20" with a fixed shank, not a spring mounted chisel plow) every 3 feet in 2 directions is of the utmost importance, this will break up subsoil compaction and bring up any rocks at planting depth (the planter runs about 16-18" deep). Rocks will not only shift the planting machine away from where the row should be, but can also be a serious hazard to operator safety and to our precision equipment. We recommend any rock larger than a football to a depth of 18" be removed.

Excessive vegetative matter or large soil clots in the planting zone will result in poor soil/root contact, poor planting accuracy and a poor start to the vineyard, especially if weather conditions are less than ideal following planting. Therefore, it is necessary to "finish fit" the field with a cultivator/ roller combination that will pulverize and subsequently pack the topsoil to provide good soil flow back into the planting trench and solid footing for our equipment.

We recommend using as large as possible equipment to prepare the fields. There is no substitute for the size, weight and power of larger equipment for ripping into the earth. If you do not own large field cultivating equipment, we recommend finding a local farmer who grows large-scale field crops (corn, beans, wheat) and inquire about custom fitting of your fields. They generally have the equipment and if necessary, the expertise to get this all-important job done.

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The process we recommend for pre-plant field preparation is as follows:

Late Summer-Fall prior to planting:

- kill existing vegetation with systemic herbicide
- subsoil to 20" with a fixed shank every 3 feet in 2 directions.
- de-rock
- moudebord plow
- de-rock
- Fit field, de-rock and plant winter cover crop (Annual winter rye or winter wheat work well)

Spring prior to planting:

- kill cover crop with systemic herbicide
- mow cover crop
- moudebord plow
- de-rock
- disc/ cultivate field
- de-rock
- Final fitting with field cultivator/roller combination just prior to planting

We reserve the right to adjust our quote due to an inadequately prepared site.

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It is also important for you to establish the correct alignment of the first row in each block. For example, it may be parallel to an existing row in an older vineyard, a roadway or a lot line. You will also need to establish approximately where the first and last vines in that row are to be located. In addition to this establishment of row orientation, we will require a “limit-line” of approximately where to start and finish each row. Painting a “Start” and “Finish” line along ground at either end of the vineyard is a helpful visual aid. Our pricing is based on having at least one end of the field being square to the row orientation for a base line set up (a string that runs along our starting end and is the anchor point for our vine spacing mechanism). **Additional charges will apply if multiple base line set-ups are required.**

We require one worker to assist us in planting. This worker is someone to be responsible for making sure that we are planting the vines to your specifications including vine variety, rootstock, clone, vine locations, graft height, etc. He or she will also make sure that the vines are brought to us in a timely fashion and in “ready-to-plant” condition, and will walk behind the machine as we plant in the “QC” capacity.

This worker will be your responsibility for compensation.

Our pricing per row and per vine assumes a minimum of 2,000 vines. **Please note that if you are planting less than 2,000 vines, pricing will be determined on an individual basis. (See planting worksheet.)**

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Our equipment is designed to efficiently plant bare root grafted vines. It is capable of planting ungrafted vines but at a much slower pace. **Please note the difference in vine planting cost between bare root grafted and own bare root vines.**

There will also be a destination charge to cover a portion of the overhead costs involved in getting to and from your area. This charge is dependent on if there is additional work in your immediate area or if we are making a special trip and how far we have to travel to arrive in your area. **At this time we estimate the destination charge to be as indicated on your planting worksheet.**

If available, we would appreciate purchasing diesel fuel from you. We will deduct the cost of diesel fuel from your final bill.

We will make every effort to plant your vines as soon in the spring as site, weather and schedule permit.

For scheduling purposes, please confirm your intention to use our services ASAP via email or phone so that we may include you on our confirmed planting list. Then return a signed copy of the attached work sheet along with a check for the amount indicated as deposit required by March 15, 2015. By signing the attached work sheet you acknowledge having understood the planting terms and conditions and accept them as outlined above.

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Respectfully,

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