

## TIPS FOR THE POST-IMPLANT MANAGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL GRAFTED VINES

- If planting is carried out in the optimal period and on properly prepared soils, excessive irrigation and nitrogen-rich fertilization should be avoided. (Remember that fertilizers should always been spread far from the roots).
- Once the plant has reached the 2-3 true leaves stage, it is mandatory to start the phytosanitary defense to prevent downy mildew and other pathogen attacks, so to favor the proper development of the shoots.
- As the shoots develop, it is advisable to select 1-2 of them and remove the exceeding ones. The remaining shoots shall be properly tied to the tutoring post.
- Depending on the weather during the season, irrigation should be carried out to avoid any
  water stress. Fertilizing operations are not recommended unless severe nutritional
  deficiencies occur.
- It is necessary to avoid competition between the vines and the weeds with the use of appropriate procedures. Mechanical weeding is a better choice, to be preferred over chemical herbicides, in which case it is of paramount importance to avoid contact with the foliage.
- The anti-peronosporic defense shall be continued until the full completion of the lignification, making sure to avoid any damage to the cambial tissues, which could jeopardize the vitality of the young plants.