



Tall Vines at Ormond Nurseries.

The tall order

AFTER five years of research and development, grape propagation specialist Ormond Nurseries believes it has found a solution to problematic replants in established vineyards.

After just two seasons on the market, Ormond Nurseries' Tall Vines have shown they can dramatically reduce the establishment and maintenance costs of replants in existing vineyards. With rootstocks approximately 400mm longer than traditional length young vines, no need for vine guards, minimal training and easy weed control, Tall Vines are a great way to fill gaps with low maintenance costs and no impact on quality.

Ormond Nurseries general manager Ben Wickham said the company was proud of Tall Vines because it was the only product of its type on the market; had lower management costs through less training re-visits; and allowed ease of weed spraying.

"After five years of research and development we have produced a high quality tall vine at competitive prices," he said.

Due to the head of the plant being near the fruiting wire, 60-70cm off the ground, Tall Vines are less prone to frost than the traditional shorter vine, said Wickham.

Clearvue Vineyard manager Duncan Cramp explained that the Tall Vines they had within their Pinot Noir crop had been so productive that the vines would be harvested this year after only two years in the ground.

"We planted the tall vines in November of 2007 and are harvesting this year when traditional replant vines would require 3-4 years in the ground. The Tall Vines are much easier to handle as they are right up at the height of our other vines and don't require any special attention. I'd recommend anyone who required replants to use Tall Vines."

Growing innovation isn't something new to Ormond Nurseries. Established in Gisborne in 1977, before relocating to Blenheim in 1995, the company has increased its sales by 640 per cent in the past decade.

With a Chamber of Commerce Supreme Business Excellence award under its belt, Ormond Nurseries is continually looking at ways to improve its products and stand out from the crowd - and Tall Vines is a great example of its continuing innovative approach to grape growing and its expertise within the field.

For further information: www.ormondnurseries.co.nz or phone 03 577 6354.

— Tina Bailey

Need Replants?

fruiting wire

Standard
(300-350mm)

Tall Vines
(700-850mm)



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