

Interim Verification Program

Why plant clean vines?

- ❖ Clean grapevines are the key to the production of high quality wine, and necessary for the Canadian grape and wine sector to be competitive and sustainable.
- ❖ Grapevine viruses and other pathogens have become a serious threat to the health and quality of grapevines by delaying maturity, reducing soluble solids (sugar), increasing acids, and reducing the return to growers and wineries.
- ❖ Grapevine viruses are most commonly spread from an infected vine through planting material. Some viruses will quickly multiply and spread in growers fields, if vectors are present.

How the program works:

1. Grapevine field samples will be collected by a CGCN-RCCV approved entity and mapped (via GPS) for traceability.
2. Composite samples (5 plants per sample) will be tested for **four viruses of concern*** at a CGCN-RCCV approved lab.
3. Sample collection and virus testing is at **50/50 cost-share** between the nursery facility and the CGCN-RCCV through the AgriAssurance Program under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.
4. Vines that test negative for the four viruses can then be used by the nursery for propagation as CGCN-RCCV verified grapevines. Results are only shared between the nursery facility and the CGCN-RCCV approved lab.
5. Propagating vines that tested negative will be audited at a reduced rate in the following year, and the vines that were tested positive are subsequently removed.

*Four Viruses of Concern

Grapevine Leafroll-associated
Viruses 1 & 3

Grapevine Red
Blotch Virus

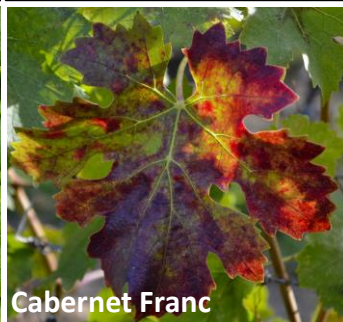
Grapevine Pinot
Gris Virus



Merlot



Chardonnay



Cabernet Franc



Pinot Gris

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Visit www.cgcn-rccv.ca/site/grapevine-certification-interim for more information.

Nursery Name is a participant in
CGCN-RCCV's Interim Verification
Protocols. Testing started August 2019.

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