

## Heatwave forecast for Mildura

Growers are advised that heatwave conditions are forecast for Mildura over the next seven days, and possibly beyond.

Mildura <span style="float: right;">✕</span>							
Forecast issued at 5:02 am EDT on Thursday 12 January 2017. <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Detailed Mildura Forecast</a></span>							
	Thu. 12 Jan	Fri. 13 Jan	Sat. 14 Jan	Sun. 15 Jan	Mon. 16 Jan	Tue. 17 Jan	Wed. 18 Jan
	 Sunny.	 Rain developing.	 Partly cloudy.	 Sunny.	 Sunny.	 Sunny.	 Shower or two.
Max. Temperature	37 °C	38 °C	27 °C	29 °C	36 °C	41 °C	39 °C
Min. Temperature		25 °C	15 °C	14 °C	13 °C	21 °C	23 °C

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

Sultanas, Sunmuscats and Sunglo are just at the start of veraison, which makes them vulnerable to sunburn damage.

During this period, moisture levels should be maintained so as not cause moisture stress to vines.

Vineyard floors should not be disturbed if cultivating is the normal practice, and any cover crop or volunteer cover crop (weeds) should be maintained and not slashed or mulched.

Any excessive growth of the canopy should not be cut off, as it may provide some protection from reflected heat up into the canopy and onto the developing bunches.

Growers should also consider applying a kaolin-based sunscreen product such as Surround®, particularly on the more susceptible varieties – Sunmuscat and Sunglo.

## Equipment for sale

A range of trellis drying and other equipment is available to buy before it goes to clearing sale in March.

The trellis drying equipment includes a gas dehydrator (portaseal compliance plated), bin tipper, dehydrator bins (front tipping), cutter bar, wetting machines, wetting machine pump (fire fighter), filler carts, tractor mounted Shaw harvester, grower-made harvester chassis, shaker tray, and swingarm trellis frames.

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Three used tractors, including a Ford 4110 narrow track, Ferguson TEA 20, and Ferguson 135 petrol are also on sale, as well as two pieces of Enviromist herbicide equipment – a full-row unit and an under-vine unit.

For more information, contact Arthur Miller between 12 noon and 1pm on 5025 7221 or at 3499 Benetook Avenue, Koorlong.



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