

Controlling disease in the vineyard

Dried Fruits Australia is hosting a field day on Monday 14 August to help growers manage grapevine infections, powdery mildew and downy mildew.

Making just one mistake in disease management can have devastating results at harvest for dried fruit growers, and there are huge differences in how to prevent and manage these two infections.

Plant pathology expert Peter Magarey will be on hand to discuss the latest management strategies.

The event will be held at Michael Dubois' property, 630 Coorong Avenue, Red Cliffs. It will begin at 3.30pm and conclude at 6.30pm with a barbecue.

People interested in attending should contact DFA on 5023 5174 or admin@driedfruitsaustralia.org.au.

Pruning hail damaged vines

Information about the impact last year's hail storm had on vines is now available for dried grape growers. Agriculture Victoria has assessed canes for bud fruitfulness and this week completed analysis of the data collected.

While the team is still writing up the results, Michael Treeby will present the information at Monday's field walk. Come along to see how the research can help you plan pruning strategies for damaged vines.

For those who can't make the full session, Michael's presentation will begin at about 4.45pm.

Bud burst coming soon

Almond trees across Sunraysia have started to flower, which means vine bud burst isn't far away.

This also serves as a reminder to growers to finish pruning before bud burst occurs to allow plenty of time for vineyard floor management to reduce the risk of frosts.



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