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DEMAND FOR HIGH HEALTH VINE CUTTINGS

REMAINS STEADY DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

Despite many predicting that sales would slump as a result of the ongoing drought and limited water availability, sales of rootstock remained high, with demand for Ramsey and 1103 Paulsen exceeding what could be supplied. The Association's primary source site at Dareton, NSW has continued to develop and will produce increased numbers of cuttings in 2008.

VAMVVIA maintains a strong relationship with the NSW Department of Primary Industries, who provide periodic agronomic and viticultural support to compliment the work being done by the Association's Research and Development Officer and Farm Co-ordinator.

The loss of the Association's principle rootstock production at Irymple, Victoria in 2006 has significantly reduced the range of rootstock available to industry. This collection contained a number of rootstock varieties that were more suited to the cooler climate regions, and the loss of this site place severe limitations on the Association's ability to meets the needs of the wine industry, particularly in Southern Victoria. Given that there has been two recent outbreaks of Phylloxera in Southern Victoria, it is timely that the Victorian Minister for Agriculture, Joe Helper is considering returning the site back to VAMVVIA.



Rootstock sales 2001 – 2007

Variety	Sales 01	Sales 02	Sales 03	Sales 2004	Sales 2005	Sales 2006	Sales 2007
Ramsey	337,409	387,700	424,086	506,807	568,791	240,158	181,898
Schwarzmann	246,085	210,717	205,700	98,424	99,692	25,180	28,140
Ruggeri 140	183,788	221,410	257,123	264,546	99,977	21,110	32,045
Richter 99	43,393	81,921	7,900	19,632	2,545	7,282	
1103 Paulsen	374,274	385,218	614,493	765,501	705,222	180,521	562,417
5BB Kober (5A)	9,949	25,100	99,465	61,293	4,796	50,850	7,200
S04	59,814	17,400	4,574	10,600	60		
5BB Kober	268,084	125,900	126,322	40,800	42,168	16,660	800
5C Teleki	81,633	39,176	31,100	30,694	12,389	2,400	
Dog Ridge	39,335	45,000	62,700	94,508	160,263	119,141	34,435
K51-32 Lider	100	200		2,300			
Harmony	9,100	2,800	9,273	9,893	3,511	100	
K51-40 Lider	13,645	3,400	10,500	13,200	300	300	
101-14 Millardet	116,574	102,170	119,518	184,171	200,302	87,354	29,465
Teleki C		196		100		2,500	
110 Richter	6,443	17,500	10,947	1,746	20,908	10,500	
Freedom	5,058	14,759	7,747	6,495	6,739	8,900	40,272
J17-48 Lider	100	400	107	5,100			
420A Millardet	24,505	15,300					
J17-69 Lider		185		4,835			
Riparia Gloire	1,980	2,780	1,529	200	2,580	4,133	
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1202 Courderc	100						
125AA Kober	1,044	480	500				
8B Teleki		146					
3309 Couderc	10,700	3,500	11,027				
Paulsen 775						200	521
Borner						100	100
TOTAL	1,833,113	1,703,358	2,004,611	2,120,845	1,930,243	777,389	923,793

Vinifera

Demand for Vinifera was steady at 175,662 cuttings, with a number of new wine, dried and table grape varieties being available for the first time. Many of these new varieties were limited in number and it is hoped that increased quantities of cuttings will lead to increased sales.