

ATTENTION

Don't spread the pest grapevine phylloxera

What is phylloxera?

Phylloxera is a small yellow insect that lives and feeds on the roots of grapevines and sometimes on leaves.

Why is it an important pest?

Phylloxera is the world's most important grapevine pest. It was introduced in Australia on infested grapevines 130 years ago. The insect reduces the growth of vines and can eventually kill the vines.

Does phylloxera affect grape bunches?

No. Fresh table grapes are **safe** to eat.

How is it spread?

Phylloxera is mostly spread by people. The insect can be spread on vine planting material such as grafting canes or rootlings, leaves and soil on grape plants, shoes and vehicles.

Is there a cure for phylloxera?

Not on established infested grapevines. New grapevine planting material should be purchased from nurseries in phylloxera-free areas and grafted on phylloxera tolerant rootstocks.

What can I do to stop the spread of phylloxera?

- Do not walk in and around the vineyard.
- Only buy grape bunches that are free of leaves and plant material.
- Do not visit other vineyards after buying grapes.
- It is against the law to take grapevine plant material such as canes, leaves and grapevine rootlings or any soil out of a Phylloxera Infested Zone.



Leaf galls



Nymphs (crawlers) feeding on roots

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