



Greetings from Mendoza!

Temperatures have finally dropped and fall is finally here. Showing off amazing reds, yellows and oranges, the vineyards are looking beautiful, as the vines slowly but surely lose their leaves. In the our rhythm and activities in the vineyard tend to drop off. In June while the vines are entering dormancy period and we will start winter pruning soon.

VINEYARD DEVELOPMENT

We encountered a minor challenge in terms of weather with a powerful episode of Zonda wind in m May, but the strong infrastructure in the vineyard held up well. We continued with routine maintenance tasks on floor management and we are finishing up the last details for the winter maintenance schedule, having all of our focus on pruning.

Zonda

We had something of a scare during the weekend

Floor Management

During May, management of the floor has

of May 16th when a very strong Zonda wind blew through the Uco Valley. There were damages in many vineyards all around the Uco Valley, branches and entire trees fell blocking roads, and there was a power blackout for several hours.

In terms of our vineyard, we luckily suffered only minor damages. Due to the intensity of the wind, some of the trees that are along the canal lost branches. These fell in the canal obstructing the water stream and caused subsequent flooding. By design, the aisles surrounding the vineyards are at a lower level than the vines, so the water coming from the canal ran eastwards through the aisles and there were no significant damages to the vines.



consisted of removal of weeds and applying herbicides, removing stones before mowing, checking grow-tubes. Our goal is to have the entire property mowed, free from weeds and stones before we begin pruning to facilitate and expedite these tasks.



Winter Maintenance Schedule

During the fall and winter months there are two main activities happening in the vineyards. First, that the vines enter dormancy, the inactive period in the life of plant during which growth slows or completely ceases. Second, winter pruning is carried out. This is a process that helps control and shape the grapevine, with the goal of optimizing the vine's potential and maintain a balance between the vegetative growth and fruiting.

Dormancy

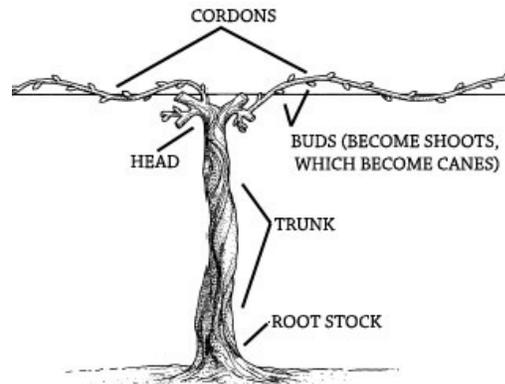
Dormancy is the annual period during which a plant does not grow, awaiting the necessary environmental conditions such as warm temperatures, moisture, and availability of nutrients. In the autumn months leading up to dormancy days shorten, vines lose their foliage and temperatures decrease considerably, reaching below zero at times. During this season the vines prepare themselves to face the harsh

winter by shutting down their metabolic processes using as little energy and nutrients as possible. Levels of water in the tissues decrease, which protect the plant from frost damage, proteins in bark increase, and enzymes adjust to withstand temperature changes. Essentially the plants equip themselves with a biological antifreeze to survive winter until the next growing season begins in September.



Pruning

Winter pruning is normally performed during the vine's period of dormancy. This is one of the most important tasks to carry out in the vineyard as it defines the structure of the vine for years to come. Last year your vines were cut down to 2 buds, selecting the best and strongest buds, which now form the trunk of the vine. According to our proposed bilateral cordon training system, during this season we will cut all shoots from the trunk leaving only the two best ones, which will form the cordons or the arms of the vine.



Our Vineyard Development Team is currently finalizing details of schedule and vendors to begin pruning. We will have a group of 24 people working every day, pruning on average 3 hectares per day. Our goal is to complete pruning all vineyards, i.e. 247.4 acres in the PVE project and 49.4 other acres outside the project but under management, in the next 40 days, starting on June 10th.

Weather Report

As we mentioned before, the temperatures decreased in May and it finally feels like autumn in Mendoza. Average temperatures ranged from 46° F / 7° C (minimum) to 67° F / 19° C (maximum). For a complete report on weather conditions in Mendoza for the month of May, click [here](#).

Sales Trip

During the third week of June, Michael Evans and Santiago Achaval are headed to the United States to meet with some prospective vineyard owners. They will be in New York City and Chicago during the week of June 21st and will be hosting several tastings to share great Argentine wines and discuss our vineyard project.

If you have friends, family or colleagues who might be interested in learning more about The Vines of Mendoza's Private Vineyard Estates and would like to attend a tasting, please contact Emilia Garcia Pacho at emilia@vinesofmendoza.com for further details.

As you can see, we are on schedule with the winter maintenance schedule. We are enjoying the cold sunny days in Mendoza and taking advantage of the quiet time of slow season to work on larger projects for the next busy season, and growing season at the vineyard.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or questions.

Kind regards,



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