

SEASONAL WORKERS HELP PROTECT OUR VINES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In Australia we have some of the oldest grapevines in the world. Your shoes, clothing, car tyres and hand tools can pick up, carry and spread pests, diseases and weeds.

There are many pests and diseases that can harm or kill grapevines. Australia, an island nation, is lucky not to have as many pests and diseases as other countries. Here in South Australia, we pride ourselves on keeping pests and diseases out of our state. The good news is that you can play a vital role in helping to keep our vineyards safe by learning how to protect the health of our vines.

Of the pests and diseases already in Australia, our greatest threat is grape phylloxera. This tiny insect pest destroys vines by feeding on their roots. Phylloxera is in most wine regions around the world and is also present in the Australian states of Victoria and New South Wales. South Australia is free of phylloxera and we need to keep it that way.

There are also many hitchhiker pests that can hide in people's luggage, clothing and shoes when travelling between countries, including moths, bugs, leafhoppers and beetles.

You can pick up and spread unwanted pests and diseases on your shoes, clothing, car tyres and hand tools that you use in vineyards.

We recognise the important role you play in helping to produce our grapes and we want you to continue working in our vineyards. Please help keep our vineyards safe from pests and diseases, so our grapevines will be around in years to come.

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO DO

1. If coming from overseas:
 - Do not wear shoes or clothing (including hats) that you have worn on farms or vineyards overseas.
 - Purchase new shoes and clothing in Australia or wear shoes and clothing provided by your employer or the vineyard owner.
 - Do not use any hand tools (for example, snips, shovels, knives) that you have used on farms or in vineyards overseas.
2. If you have worked in a vineyard in the Australian states of Victoria, Queensland or New South Wales:
 - Before you start work in South Australia, please advise your employer and the owner of the South Australian vineyard.
NOTE: you may have worked in a vineyard that is a risk for phylloxera and your shoes, clothing, car tyres and hand tools may be contaminated.
3. When you arrive at a vineyard in South Australia to work, please listen to and follow any instructions given by your employer or the owner of the vineyard.
4. Park your car away from vine rows and not on vineyard soil. Cars must be parked on gravel or on sealed roads or tracks.
5. Do not take away any grapes, shoots, leaves, canes or soil from a vineyard.

Enjoy your time in South Australia!