



## African Nurseries – Planting Procedure Guidelines

To ensure optimal establishment and growth of our vines, please adhere to the following guidelines:

### 1. Pre-Planting Preparation

- **Storage:** Keep vines in a cool, humid environment (70–80% humidity) until planting.
- **Hydration:** Submerge vines in water (above the graft union) for **24 hours** before planting.
  - For vines stored longer than 6 months, extend soaking to **5 days**.

### 2. Planting Conditions

- **Timing:** Plant before bud swell. Slight swelling is acceptable for cold-stored vines, but avoid planting once active growth begins.
- **Soil Moisture:** Avoid planting in excessively wet or dry soils. Aim for slightly moist, well-drained soil.
- **Hole Preparation:** Dig holes large enough for full root extension without bending or trimming. Loosen the bottom and sides of the hole to aid root penetration.

### 3. Post-Planting Care

- **Watering:** Water thoroughly immediately after planting. Maintain consistent moisture levels in the early weeks.
- **Mulching:** Apply mulch around the vine base to conserve soil moisture and stabilise temperature.
- **Monitoring:** Regularly check for stress symptoms such as wilting, yellowing or fungal growth. Act promptly to treat any issues.

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