

Tendrils

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As part of our certification system, we put a great deal of effort into making every vine traceable, so that we can help diagnose problems (should they arise) and so you can reorder the product that is working well in your vineyard. However, if you don't map as you plant, all those safeguards may be lost.

As an example, let's take the delivery of a combination of Merlot 481 on 101-14. The combination may be



made up of rootstock and scionwood from several different sources. The information relating to the source of material is contained in the Graft Lot (GL) number underneath the barcode attached to a bundle of vines. At dispatch, each graft lot is separated by a sheet of plastic for ease of tracking and planting.

We strongly recommend planting each graft lot separately and mapping the block as you go. Then, if there are ever any differences in performance, Riversun can isolate the original source of the rootstock and scion for the vines in question. For our example, your records would include information along the following lines:

- Merlot 481 on 101-14
- Planted on 3 September, 2002, GL 297
- First vine – Row 5, Bay 3, Vine 2
- Last vine – Row 10, Bay 20, Vine 1

Questions?

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