

# Duarte Nursery

## Duarte Nursery Stock Tests Free of Red Blotch Virus

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Duarte Nursery, the largest permanent crops nursery in the United States, has announced that its 2013 and 2014 grapevine material has tested free of red blotch associated virus and is now available for purchase.

Red blotch associated virus, or GRBaV, first emerged in the Napa Valley about five years ago. Only recently were researchers able to identify the disease pathogen and develop reliable tests to detect it.

Duarte Nursery's proactive commitment to clean plant health consistently exceeds industry standards through practices of removing and replacing any red blotch symptomatic plant material for its customers and from its own foundation stock.

According to company president John Duarte, growers can be confident and can confirm for themselves that any rootstock or scion bud material from Duarte is free of red blotch contamination.

"We want to be completely transparent to our customers who are concerned about getting disease-free material," Duarte says. "Whether it's our propagation wood in cold storage or plant material from our vineyard increase blocks, they're welcome to look at our test results or conduct their own. We have zero tolerance for propagating any red blotch-sourced materials."

Duarte notes that:

- Duarte Nursery has tested all source blocks for red blotch and has eliminated all sources with any GRBaV positive finds from its 2013 and future production.
- Duarte Nursery has contacted all customers of 2012 deliveries sourced from GRBaV positive blocks and offered free replacements.
- Duarte Nursery has 10 million GRBaV tested clean certified rootstocks and 20 million GRBaV scion buds tested clean available for 2013 grafting.
- Duarte Nursery welcomes further testing of its source blocks and plant materials by its customers.

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