

WHAT TO KNOW WHEN BUYING PLANTS

It is extremely important to follow WSDA guidelines when importing out-of-state plant material. It is the responsibility of every grower to guard against the importation of harmful pests and plant diseases. Growers must know to ask for "certified grape planting stock".

Important definitions include:

- "*Certified grape planting stock*" means vines, rooted cuttings, cuttings or grafted plants taken or propagated directly from foundation vines or registered.
- "*Foundation block*" means a planting of grapevines established, operated and maintained by Washington State University or other equivalent sources approved by the director, that are indexed and found free from viruses and that are not off-type.
- "*Registered block*" means a planting of registered grapevines maintained by a nursery and used as a source of propagation material for certified grapevines.
- "*Registered vine*" means any vine propagated from an approved foundation block, identified to a single vine source, and registered with the Washington state department of agriculture.