

## **How to prune your Grape Vines.**

### **Cane and Spur Pruning, What does it mean?**

To prune grapes requiring spur pruning, simply select the most vigorous canes and cut these back to short spurs of two buds in length. In spring each of these buds produces a cane, which will bear a number of fruit bunches. Ideally spurs should be thinned, so that they are spaced about every 15-20 cm among the main arms (branches). The following winter the upper cane arising from the two-bud spur is cut off and the lower cane is pruned back to two buds to create the new spur.

In cane pruning, rather than pruning back to spurs, a number of the strongest canes arising from the main arms (branches), are selected and these are pruned back to 8-15 buds each. These canes are then twisted or tied onto support wires.