

FAR TOO RISKY TO MISS POST- HARVEST MANAGEMENT

This Insight shows that despite difficult growing conditions the successes achieved by **grape growers** when **Viticulture Plus** or **Plasma 828** has been integrated into the **Foliar/Fertigation Fertiliser Program**.

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In many grape growing regions throughout Australia, tougher than normal growing conditions are being experienced by Growers, with dry conditions, water restrictions and volatile prices.

Despite the conditions, reasonable yields of quality fruit have been coming off the vineyards, and most notably where **Viticulture Plus**, or **Plasma 828** has been integrated into the **Foliar/Fertigation Fertiliser Program**.

After harvest, the general nutritional status of the vines are substantially depleted, and to ensure a strong and healthy start up for next season they must be 'topped' up with nutrients. A post-harvest foliar, or fertigation application of nitrogen, phosphorus and trace elements is the ideal tank mix, comprising **Viticulture Plus (or Plasma) and Nutricover**.

To miss post-harvest is to risk the following year's yield and quality.