



Stream-Specific Eligibility Criteria

In addition to the Enhanced Replant Program (ERP) program-wide eligibility criteria listed in the Enhanced Replant Program Guide 2024/25, applicants are also responsible for meeting the stream-specific eligibility criteria detailed below.

APPENDIX 2: STREAM 2 WINE GRAPE REPLANT

Enhanced Replant Program (ERP) Stream 2: Wine Grape Replant includes existing wine grape growers in British Columbia.

Replant funding is for wine grape producers who are replacing existing acreage with new vineyards. In addition to the program-wide eligibility criteria, the following applies to all wine grape replant projects.

Eligible Applicants

- The applicant is in good standing with the BC Wine Grape Council (BCWGC), with all levies paid on fruit grown in the previous year.
- The applicant must justify their marketing strategy by selecting the wine style from the [Replanting Guidelines and Recommendations report](#) that the new vineyard will achieve.
- If replanting the same variety, the applicant must justify how management practices are being adapted to ensure success.
- The applicant must have a soil nutrient test from the field site within the last 3 years.

Ineligible Activities

- Replanting tree fruits with wine grapes.

Variety Eligibility

- Vines must be purchased from a nursery identified by the Canadian Grapevine Certification Network (CGCN-RCCV) as certified for Canadian plant material and to a CFIA approved international standard.
 - *Domestic vines:* Must be Certified Plus, Certified, or Verified by CGCN-RCCV and produced by a CGCN-RCCV registered nursery.
 - *USA imported vines:* Must be certified virus/pathogen-free by State certification programs in California, Oregon, Washington, or New York and free of any viruses/pathogens on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's quarantine list.
 - *International imported vines:* No other international certification programs are currently recognized by CGCN. France has a program under review for 2025. Other programs seeking inclusion may submit requests directly to CGCN-RCCV for review.
- Planting the varieties of Grenache or Mourvèdre is ineligible for cost-sharing.

- Planting Gewürztraminer is not widely recommended and must not represent more than 20% of an applicant's total acreage; applicant must provide a justification in the marketing and sales section of the business plan before being approved for replant funding.
- Planting Syrah is only eligible for funding on sites where regular extreme heat events are more of an issue than regular extreme cold events.

Planting Density Eligibility

- Standard planting density of 1300 to 2200 plants/acre.
- If planting is outside of a 1300 to 2200 plants/acre range, verification from an Accredited Professional may be required from the applicant, to verify the planting density and horticultural practices proposed by the producer.

Wine grape growers located on Vancouver Island are exempt from the following program eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be in good standing with the BC Wine Grape Council (BCWGC).
- Irrigation systems must be installed in all field(s) at the time of planting.

RESOURCES

- [Business Planning Resources \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/agriculture/industry/business-planning-resources)
- [Writing a Business Plan Checklist \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/agriculture/industry/business-planning-resources/writing-a-business-plan-checklist)
- [Best Practices for Replanting Wine Grapes \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.gov.bc.ca/agriculture/industry/business-planning-resources/best-practices-for-replanting-wine-grapes)
- [BCWGC Financial Planning for Wine Grapes](https://www.gov.bc.ca/agriculture/industry/business-planning-resources/bcwgc-financial-planning-for-wine-grapes)
- [Sustainable Winegrowing British Columbia – Login required for Self Assessment](https://www.gov.bc.ca/agriculture/industry/business-planning-resources/sustainable-winegrowing-british-columbia)