

Better Net Results Care and Maintenance for Ice Vine Nets

Ice Vine Nets are premium products designed for use in viticulture and horticultural crop protection applications. Ice Vine Nets (Netting) are made using quality polymers along with Ultra Violet (UV) stabilizers and color additives. Spec Trellising recommends the following care to take care of your quality investment in crop protection.

Installation

- **Firm and Tight Installation:** All netting must be installed firmly and tightly to prevent sagging, gaps, and wind flap.
- **Avoid Metal Contact:** Do not hang the netting directly on metal posts, nails, or other metal objects. Abrasion, rust, and extreme heat from metal can potentially damage the netting by tearing it or even melting the plastic.
- **Use Plastic Clips:** Always use plastic clips to secure the nets on training wires when in application.
- **Tape or Cover Metal Parts:** Keep metal posts, cables, and parts away from direct contact with the netting as far as possible. Tape or cover the metal parts closest to the netting.
- **Use Post Caps:** Where the nets go over trellis posts, the use of post caps is essential to prevent tears due to wind rub.
- **Minimize Friction:** Avoid extreme friction on the netting surface, especially when using netting applicators to apply and retrieve the netting. Noncompliance with the above may result in mechanical breakdowns, tears, and premature failure. This does not constitute UV degradation or breakdown and is not covered by the warranty.

Care and Storage

- **Regular Maintenance:** Periodic checking and maintenance of the netting are recommended. Ice Vine recommends a quick inspection of the nets before each application each season.
- **Cleaning:** Dirty nets may be cleaned using a mild dishwashing liquid with a low-pressure water hose and a soft scrubbing brush. Gently remove any leaves or vine growth by hand from the netting.
- **Avoid High-Pressure Water:** High-pressure water blasting is not recommended as it may damage the nets' dimensional stability and tensile strength.
- **Prompt Repairs:** Promptly stitch and repair any punctures, frays, tears, or rips to prevent birds from getting in and to stop small tears from becoming large holes.
- **Chemical Exposure:** Ice Vine Nets are generally chemically inert. However, contact with organic solvents, halogens, or highly acidic substances may reduce the service life of the fabric and void the warranty. Avoid chemicals that may contain bleach or other agricultural chemicals containing sulfur and/or halogens (chlorine, bromine). These chemicals may attack the UV stabilizers within the fabric, leading to UV breakdown, reducing the life of the nets, and rendering the warranty void.
- **Avoid Petroleum Products:** Avoid exposure to any petrochemical or petroleum-based product.

- **Proper Storage:** Nets should be clearly marked and stored in a cool, dry place in a protective bag or bale and away from direct sunlight.