



# 2024 Australian Dried Vine Fruit Crop Update – March 15, 2024

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Fruit

# Season To Date

- **The fruit maturity is ahead of the 2023 season by approximately one month and this has enabled growers to get in and cut the canes in a timely fashion and utilise the very warm dry conditions.**
- **The rain events experienced in early January has had a flow on effect with some damage evident in some of the varieties. This has resulted in a portion of the fruit producing an inconsistent colour between light and brown.**
- **The weather forecast for the next four weeks continues to look dry and if this comes through we should have one of the quickest drying seasons that we have experienced for a while.**
- **At this stage the intake is at 15% of our estimate, so there is a lot of fruit to be delivered. The intake is well ahead of 2023.**
- **Nearly all the canes have been cut on all varieties and harvesters are busy and struggling to keep up with demand.**
- **Large areas are being completed in the mornings and harvesting ceases in the afternoons due to the high temperatures.**

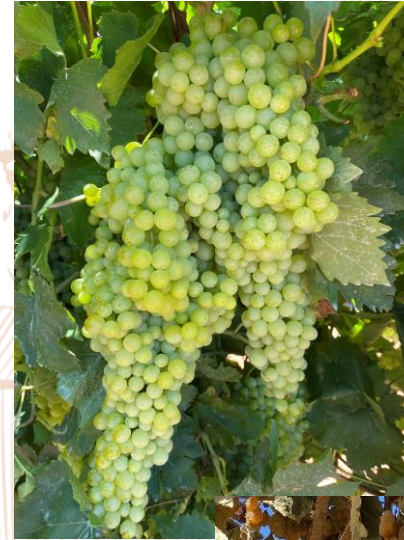




➤ While some of the sultana crops have not fully recovered from the challenging 2023 disease impact, the volumes of sultanas will be up on 2023.

➤ The rain events in early January have caused some damage and inconsistent colour in some crops is evident.

➤ Overall, the sultanas will be good quality, free flowing, bold and sweet.





- **Sunglo (sultana) is showing a good crop and are disease free.**
- **Fruit maturity is well ahead of 2023.**
- **All the Sunglo canes are now cut and a good quality fruit will be produced**
- **The volume of Sunglo is increasing year on year and this variety is showing high and consistent yields.**



**SULTANA - SUNGLO**



➤ **These two early season varieties have shown very good yields and maturity levels were well advanced ahead of Sultanas.**

➤ **Being young vines the berry size and colour are quite inconsistent, but with vine age will come more consistency.**

➤ **These are emerging varieties that will have substantial volume increases over the next few years.**



**SULTANA – SUGRA39 &  
SELMA PETE**



➤ **Maturity is well ahead of previous seasons with most canes being cut by the 8<sup>th</sup> of March and favourable conditions will produce a good quality product.**

➤ **The growing conditions have allowed for the berry size and sugar accumulation to reach their potential, so a larger, bolder berry size will be produced and the colour will be very suitable for the export market.**





- **As with the other varieties, currants are ahead in maturity and the fruit is looking very good.**
- **This is a very consistent variety and yields are consistent with 2023.**
- **There will be a very good quality product produced this season**



CURRANTS



Harvest 2024