



World Wide Vineyard's Expert Top Grafting Skills in Growing Demand

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For the second consecutive season, Corbans Viticulture Ltd has brought world renowned top grafters – World Wide Vineyards of France to New Zealand to benefit the wine industry.

Corbans Viticulture CEO Dennis Lunken says the French company's top-grafting expertise was so well received last year that there has been renewed demand from wineries and grape growers alike for Director Marc Birebent and his team to return.

The World Wide Vineyards' team top grafted vineyards in **Auckland, Waiheke Island, Hawke's Bay, Nelson and Marlborough** in 2005, guaranteeing a minimum 90 per cent success rate with their top grafting services subject to specific technical pre- and postgrafting management interventions being carried out on the top grafted vines.

This season, the team completed top grafting at Waiheke Island in late October. In November and throughout December, they will work in the **Hawke's Bay, Auckland and Marlborough**.

Company directors Marc and Caroline Birebent will return to New Zealand early in January to inspect the progress of the grafted vineyards and to offer additional technical support to the growers and wineries.

World Wide Vineyards, based in Provence, is the unrivalled supplier of choice to many of the leading Premiers Crus and Grand Crus chateaux of France as well as world renowned wine companies in other countries. Their clients include Chateau La Fleur Petrus, Bouchard Pere et Fils, Chateau Cheval Blanc, Costello Vineyards, Mas Martinet, Chateau Lafite Rothschild, Chateau Smith Haut Laffite, Schlumberger, Antinori LP.

Corbans Viticulture is committed to developing strategic alliances with international businesses that are leaders in their field. World Wide Vineyards is one such company and reinforces Corbans Viticulture's on-going commitment to providing the best possible service to the New Zealand wine industry.