Muscadine Training and Pruning



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Generally Two Scenarios

Commercial/Fruit Production



Homeowner

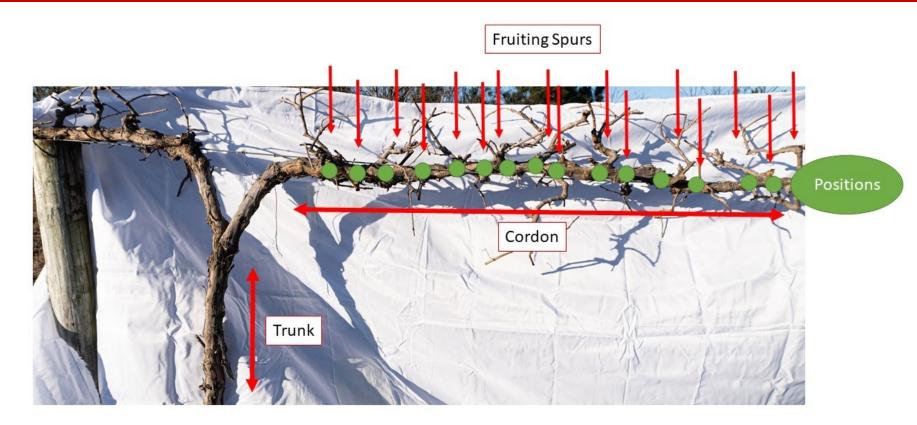




Commercial 'bad' pruning decisions?

- Bad / rushed vine training!
- Bad pruning: Crown Cuts/ Flesh Cuts/ Reposition Cuts

Nomenclature



Spur Pruning System

"Antlers" and dead position



Uneven Positioning



Example: Wire in cordon



Example: Apical Dominance



Example: Antlers



Why good pruning?

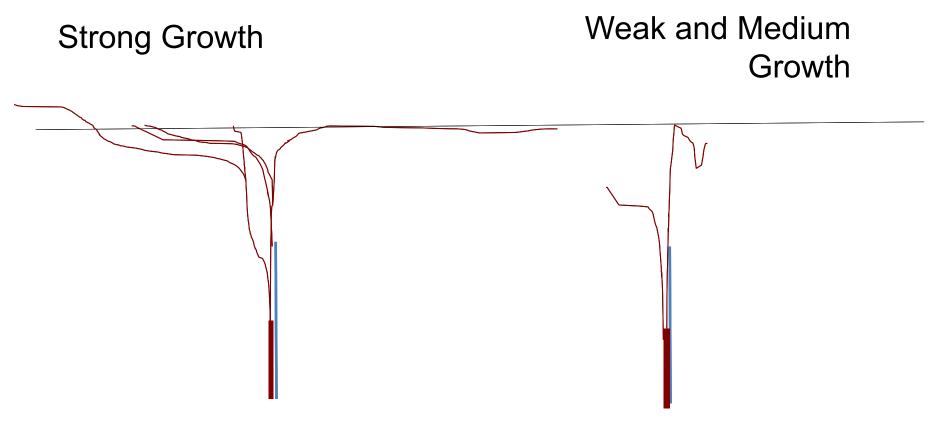


How do we avoid this?

- GOOD TRAINING!!!!!!!!
- Controlled pruning!!!!



Vine Training: Year 1



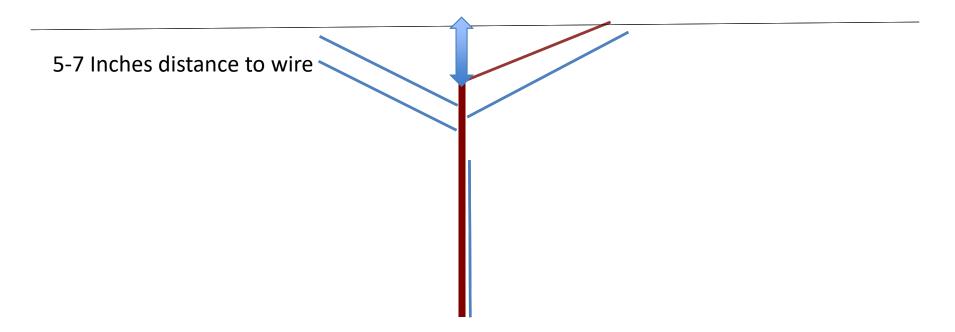
One year old vines (planted in Spring)

Strong growth

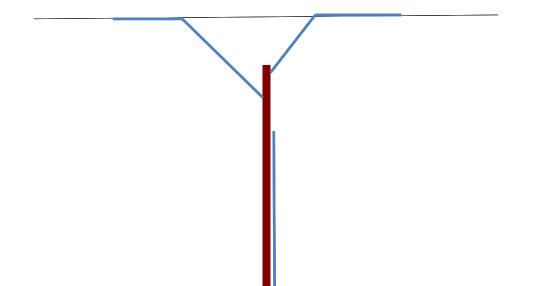




Repeat this until Medium growth (max 3 years)



Year Two



- Recommend **2-3 positions** per foot of cordon for most cultivars
- Establish 4-5 ft of cordon, with the last position for your next part of cordon
- The node should face downwards

Muscadine Pruning 101: If your young muscadine vine is 'too crowded'



"Antlers" and dead position



Example: Wire in cordon



Example: Apical Dominance



How do we avoid Antlers?





Wrong cuts: Crown Cuts





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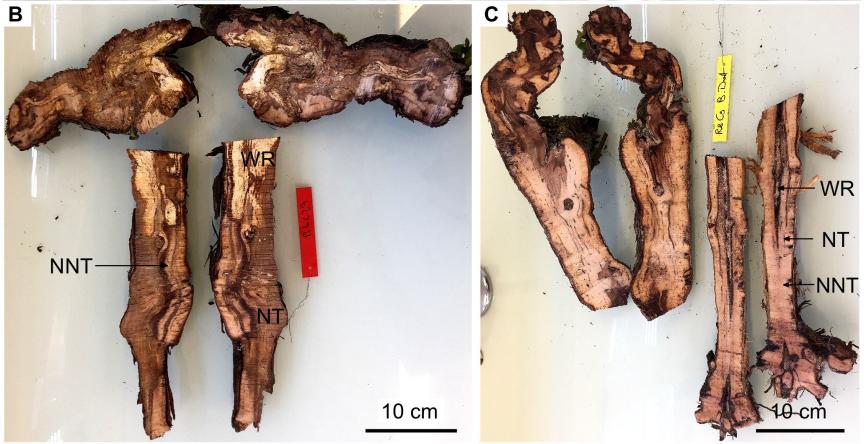
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Cone of desiccation developed as a reaction to pruning

Perennial wood

Cone of desiccation developed as a reaction to pruning







Pruning Goals

What are your main goals?

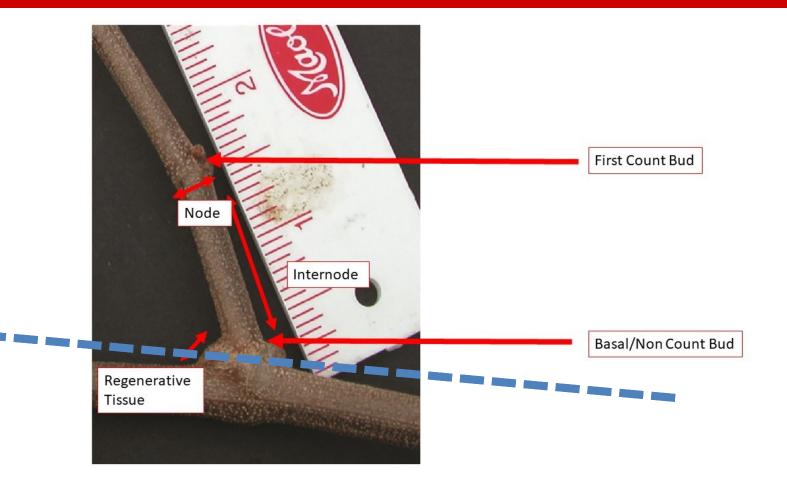
- 1. Longevity
- 2. Healthy Wood
- 3. Disease control
- 4. Yield

Correct position establishment

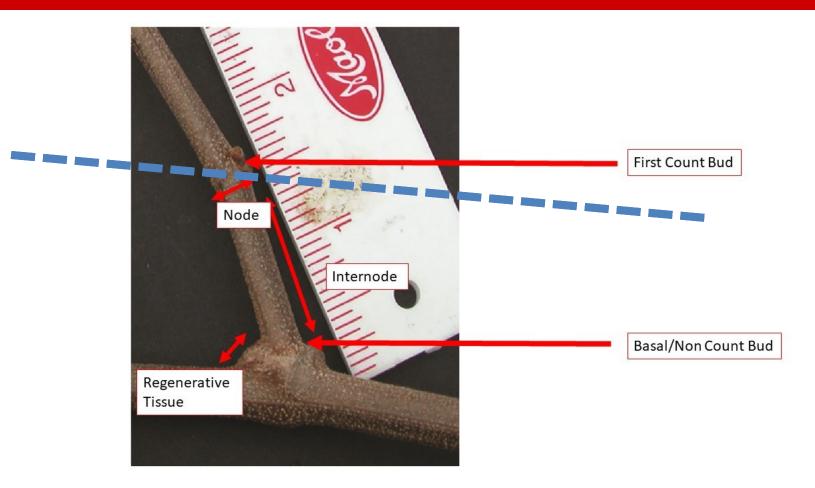
Positions should grow a little bit every year



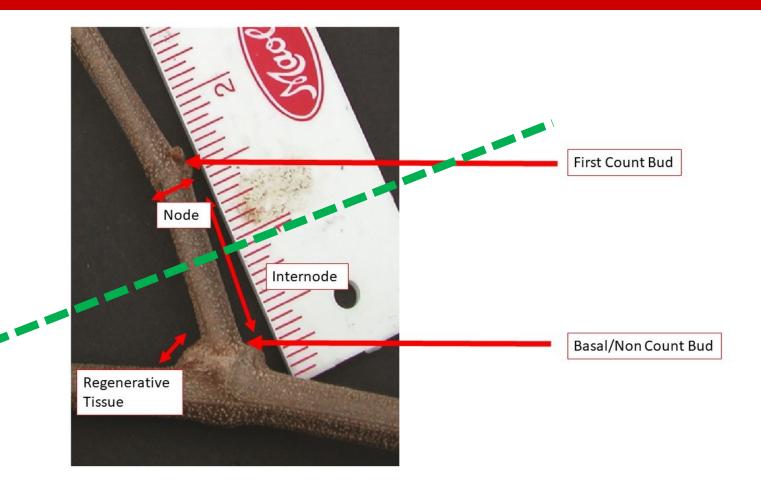
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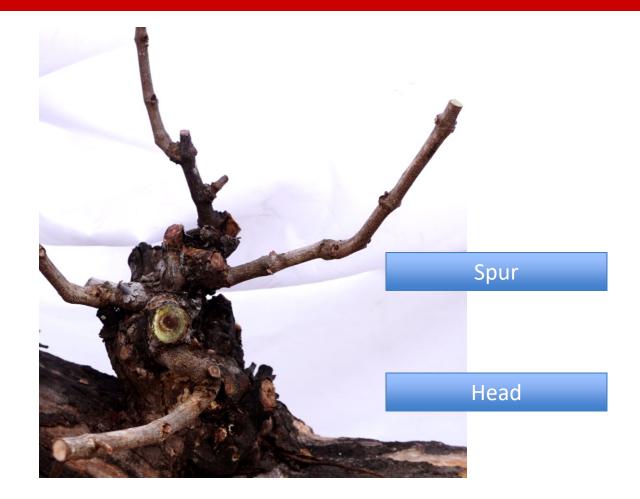
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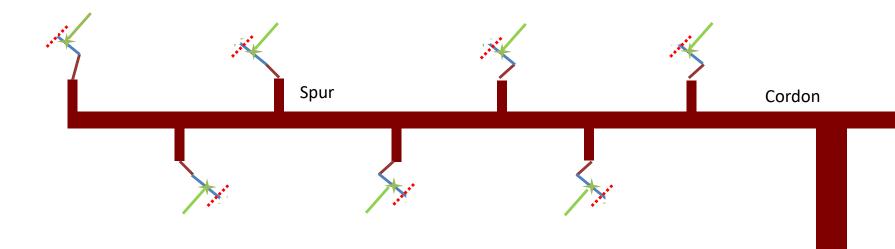
NC STATE UNIVERSITY Two zones on a muscadine spur are possible



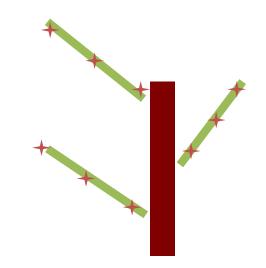
Let your spur grow a little bit every year.

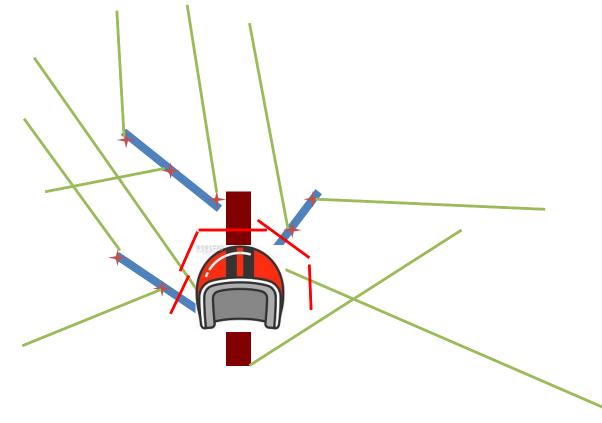


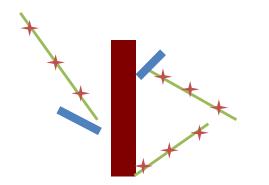


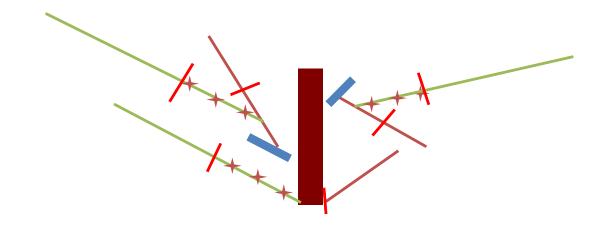


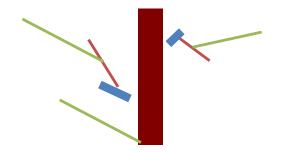
Trunk

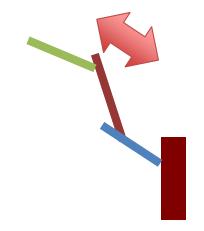


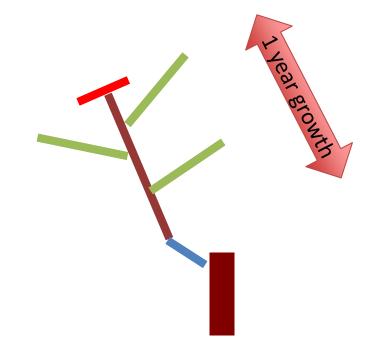






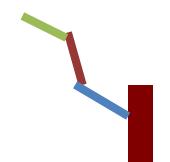






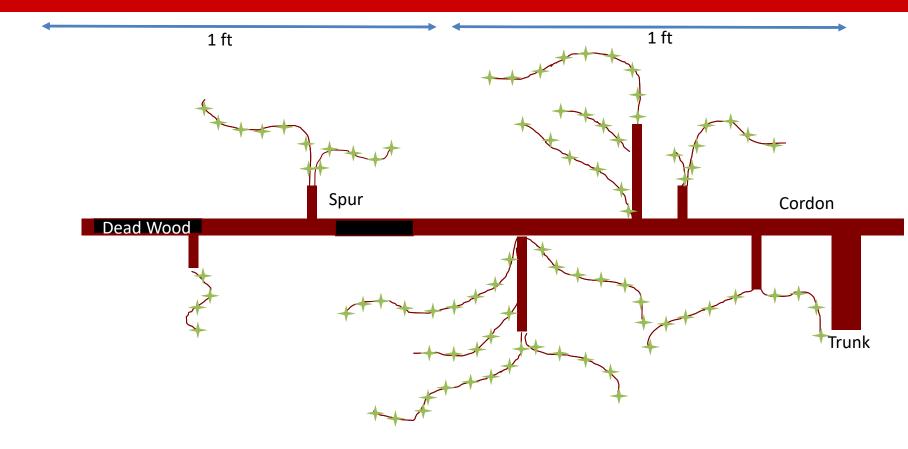
Don't leave too many buds!!!!



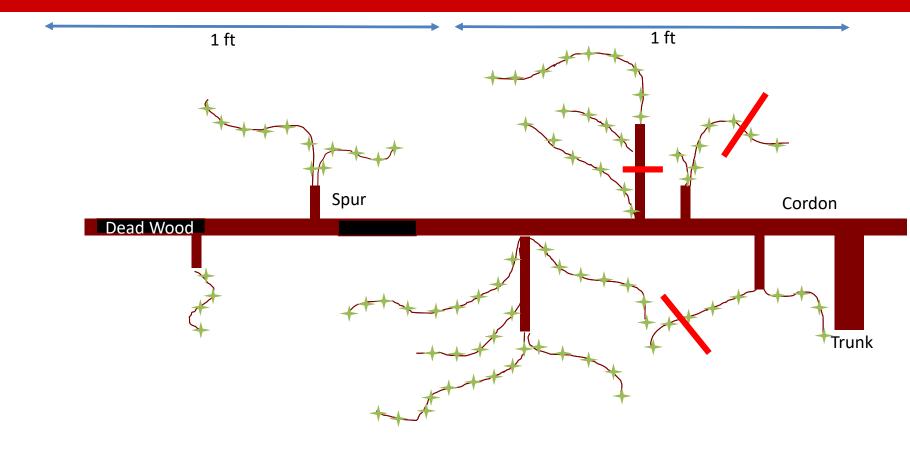


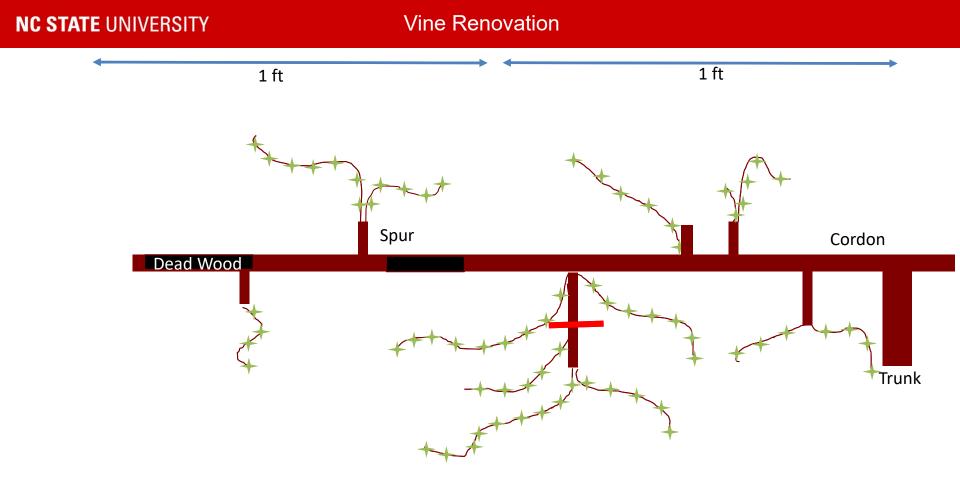
Commercial Vineyards: Renovating the Cordon

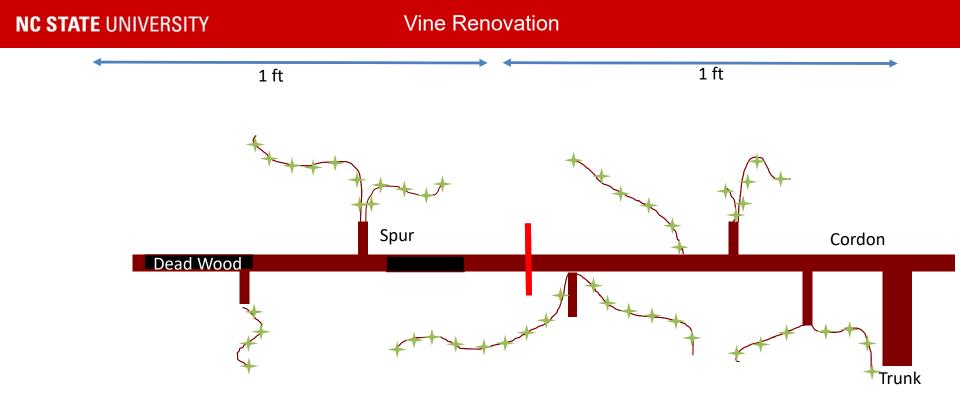
Vine Renovation

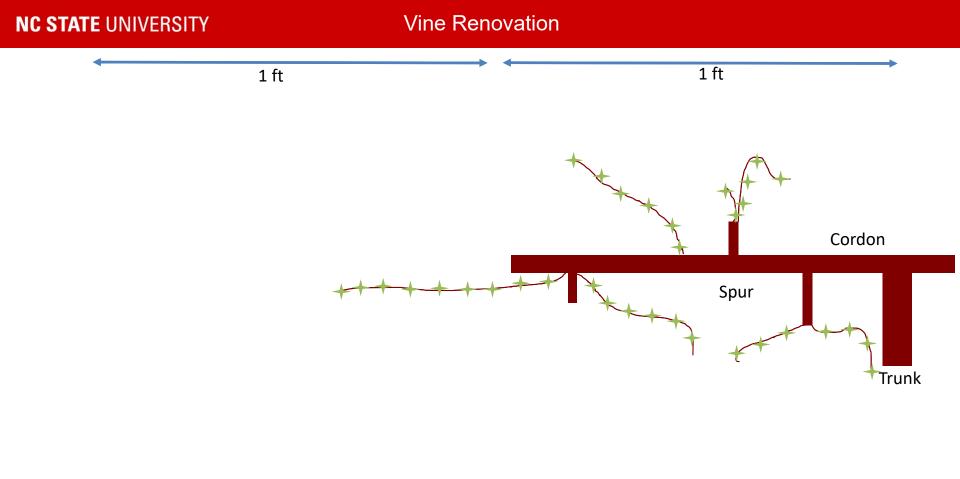


Vine Renovation









Take Home Renovation Commercial Vineyards

How to avoid renovation:

- Correct Vine Training
- Correct Pruning (No 'bad' cuts)
- Pruning ever year
- No mechanical pruning

Take Home Renovation Commercial Vineyards

What to expect when renovating?

- Will lose yield
- Often: Replace cordon
- Very labor/time intensive
- Big cuts. Pruning wound agents





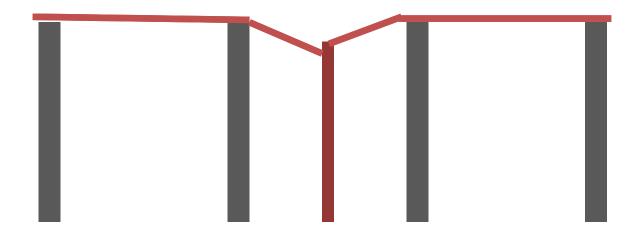
Homeowner Pergola

- a) Pergola/Structure needs replacement
- b) Vine needs to be 'cleaned up'

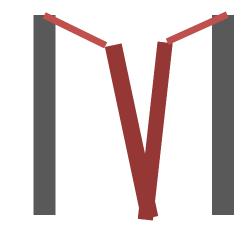


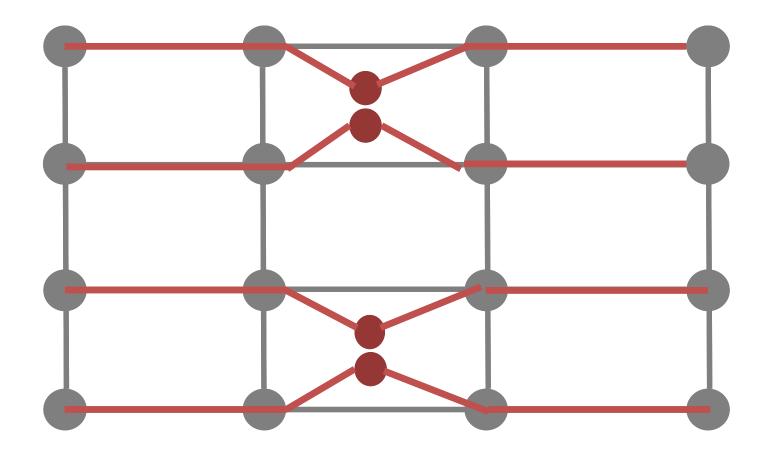


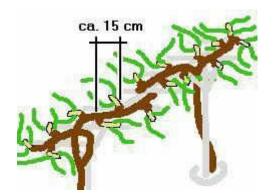


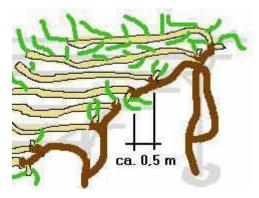


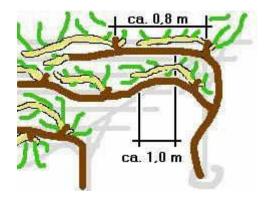










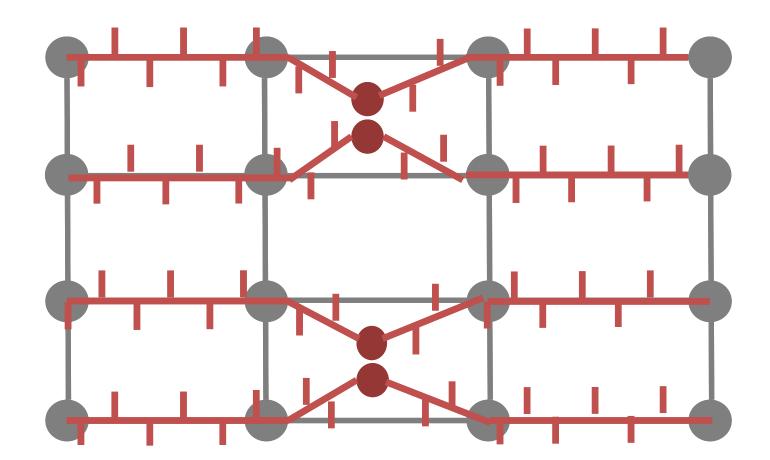


Spur Pruning

Cane Pruning

Mix of both

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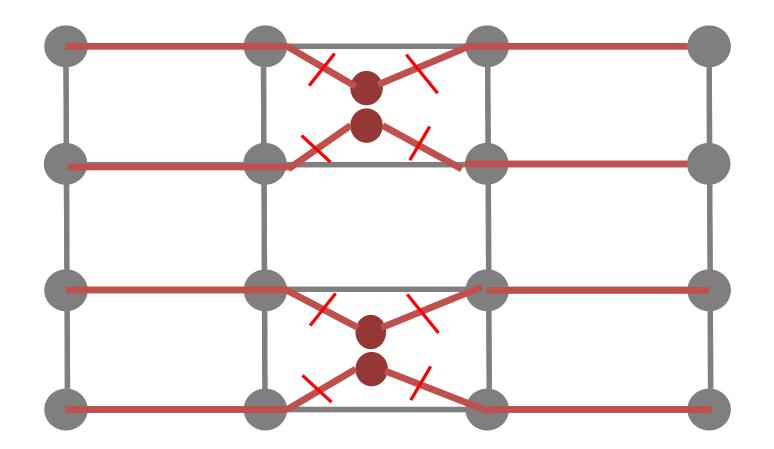
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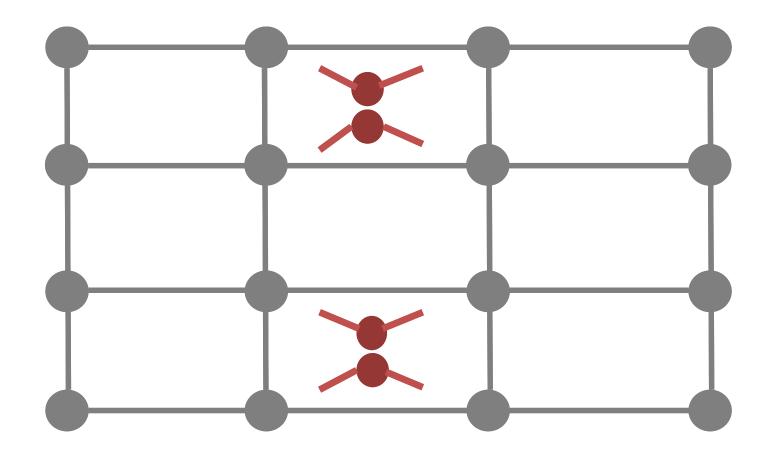




If Pergola needs replacement

- Need: Chainsaw and a truck
- Extra wood to stabilize while working under vine
- Second person





- Vines on Pergola are similarly pruned to commercial vines
- Rule of thumb: Most people leave too much wood
- Rule of thumb: If you can't see sunlight under the pergola in winter, you need to keep pruning.



Thank You

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