

THE GRAPE VINE



14th

January



Lettuce and Leaves **ALERT** ⚠️

We're seeing some pinking in Spanish Iceberg, Cos and Little Gem lettuce due to high winds and overnight temperatures of below 0° at source. Availability is restricted due to lack of growth in the product and concessions of smaller sizes have been implemented.



Basil **ALERT** ⚠️

From Portugal we are seeing a wetter basil crop with some spotting present. The Spanish crop is reporting leaf spot, but better quality should be coming in soon. We are seeing reduced availability on Italian supply of basil from next week due to cold Arctic winds, and the crop growth is slowing down as a result. Supply will not be affected and we are carrying out additional checks in all the Fresh Direct Depots on delivery and despatch of the product.



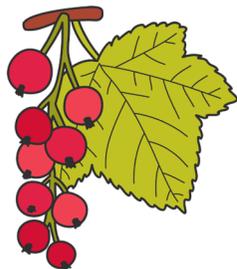
Wild Roquette **ALERT** ⚠️

We're seeing amber quality across all supply from Spain, Italy and Portugal due to mildew. The Italian crop is reporting a slow down due to the colder weather conditions. We have seen a drop in quality for this crop over the last week or so as a result. Supply has not been affected and we are carrying out additional quality checks at our depots.



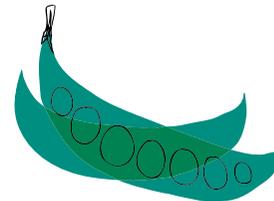
Parsnips **ALERT** ⚠️

Recent rainfall in the UK has made lifting conditions difficult. We are continuously moving into different parts of fields and harvesting methods are constantly being changed to minimise level of bruising. Availability is short due to poor crop growth. We are increasing checks at all depots and the product is being graded to ensure we meet specification.



Redcurrants

We are seeing some softer redcurrants from the UK, Netherlands and Belgium but produce is of good quality.



Beans

Moroccan Fine Beans are a good bold colour of green on the bean with very few defects being seen.



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