

THE GRAPE VINE



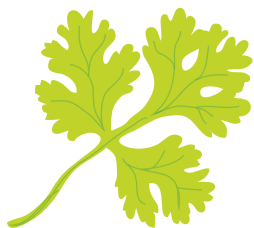
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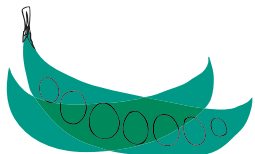
Prepared Salad **ALERT** ⚠️

We're continuing to have challenges with Spanish whole head lettuce due to low evening temperatures and frost in the main growing regions. We expect to see issues in both quality and availability over the next few weeks. We're also seeing growing issues with Italian baby leaf due to snow, evening frost and reduced daylight. A concession is in place allowing some flexibility on the mix of leaves used.



Coriander **ALERT** ⚠️

We are seeing discoloured and wet coriander due to the weather conditions at source. We are working with our suppliers to see if we can use an alternative grower.



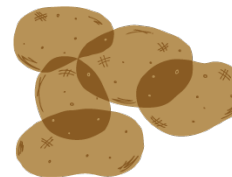
Beans

The Moroccan season has now finished and the new Season beans are arriving from Senegal. Beans will be dark, clean with no defects.



Tomatoes **ALERT** ⚠️

The challenging weather in Spain is continuing to affect catering cherry tomatoes, and we are seeing less availability due to the delay in colouring and ripening. We are carrying out additional grading checks in our depots on delivery and despatch of the products to ensure we can meet specification.



Potatoes **ALERT** ⚠️

We're still seeing quality issues with potatoes due to the poor growing conditions in the UK. This season's crop is showing skin discolouration, minor scabbing and damages. We are in regular contact with our suppliers, including visits to sites to review stock.



Turnips

British turnips are looking good at intake checks, with QA and production records all indicating good quality.



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