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Each Winter the vines are well pruned.

Upward-facing spurs are selected to allow the 'leg' of the vine to develop which improves sap flow.

The canes are pruned back to just a couple of upward-facing buds.

Good shaping of the vine takes several years of selective pruning. Bad pruning can set grape-growth back by years.

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Leaf burst occurs in late Spring. A late frost after this point can leave the vines sterile for the season.

The vine shoots grow rapidly and need regular training up to and along the vine support wires.

A good fresh airflow and a temperature of over 10°C is required for the petal-less flowers to pollinate and then set into a tiny bunch of grapes.

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Assuming lack of late frost and adequate protection from air born fungae and wind, the grapes will swell rapidly in August and September. Good amounts of sun are needed to increase the sugar levels and reduce the acidity levels.

The vines are pruned mid-Summer to prevent un-necessary leaf growth, concentrating the effort into the growth of the grapes.

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Harvesting time depends upon the grape variety and weather. When sugar levels are high enough and acidity levels have fallen, the grapes are picked.

They are processed to remove the stalks and then pressed to extract the juice. Yeast is added to the juice to start a fermentation. When fermentation has stopped, the wine is then 'racked off' the sediment a couple of times and allowed to settle over Winter.

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Once the finished base wine and fruits have been expertly blended, the final processing can begin.

The wine is filtered through three separate filters, with the last one giving a sterile product which will have a good shelf-life.

The bottles are filled, a screw cap is put on and a label applied at the rate of some 300 bottles per hour. You can view all this equipment through the Bottling Room window.

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The Cwm Deri fruit wines and liqueurs can be sampled before you purchase for a nominal cost.

From a dry white to a sweet red, you are sure to find at least a couple from our extensive range that you like.

Whether as a gift for a friend, or simply to enjoy before, during or after a meal, the Cwm Deri collection gives you the real flavour of the beautiful Welsh countryside.

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