

Nixalite® Project Case History

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Name: McKnight Ranch

Location: Durham, California

Installer: Lynne Poole

Product: Bare Hand Flex Premium Vineyard Net



Grapes, whether for wine or juice, don't have to be eaten by birds to be lost. Bird peck, where birds break the skin of the grape, ruins the fruit and introduces fungi that can alter the taste of the wine or juice.

Purpose:

To stop birds from pecking or eating the grapes before the ranch could harvest and process the fruit.

Problem:

McKnight Ranch had row after row of grape vines that were producing plenty of grapes but most were falling victim to pest bird predation. They needed a bird control method or product that would protect the grapes from pest birds right up to harvest. One that would not hinder the growth of the vines or damage the grapes.

Solution:

Nixalite® suggested that McKnight Ranch install a bird netting to keep birds from getting to the grapes. Based on the information Ms. Lynne Poole from McKnight Ranch provided, it was determined that the best choice would be the Bare Hand Vineyard Netting. Designed to cover individual rows of vines, the Bare Hand Flex Premium Vineyard Bird Netting uses a soft knitted mesh that is easy on the grapes, the vines and installer's hands. With a 3/4" diamond mesh, it keeps out all types of pest bird species - large and small.

Based on the number and length of vine rows to cover, it was determined that the Bare Hand FLEX Premium 17' x 2,500' was the best type and size for their application. While the Bare Hand Netting can be applied by hand, the use of the Applicator Platform cuts installation time significantly. After discussing this with Lynne Poole, she and her father decided to fabricate their own applicator platform. It was designed to fit in the back of their utility vehicle. Their version of the Applicator Platform worked perfectly - making installation fast and easy.

Summary:

McKnight Ranch needed to protect their grapes from hungry pest birds that were eating and pecking more than half the grapes before they could be harvested. Ms. Poole chose the Bare Hand FLEX Premium Bird Netting to protect the rows of vines. The Applicator Platform that they put together themselves simplified installation and cut installation time significantly. Ms. Poole reported that they were very happy with the results.



Lynne Poole had her father fabricate their own Applicator Platform to fit in the back of a utility vehicle. It cut installation time dramatically.

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