

# PRUNING --- first cut

(one year maidens / whips)

## DISCLAIMER:

- I am not an expert --- this is based on my current knowledge & experience, which are limited.
- pruning is never simple --- there are always exceptions

## JARGON:

- ◆ maiden      ◆ whip      ◆ feathers
- ◆ leader      ◆ laterals      ◆ open heart / wineglass
- ◆ formative (structural) vs maintenance (established) pruning
- ◆ flower/fruit buds vs vegetative/growth buds
- ◆ spur bearing vs tip bearing

## WHAT DETERMINES FIRST CUT?

1. “Winter pruning promotes growth; summer pruning promotes fruiting.”
2. Type of tree:-
  - stand-alone tree (see 3. below)
  - cordon
  - espalier / step over
  - fan
3. Final size (small, medium, large = see other handout)