



This is a photo of the Muscat vineyard in Lyrarakis' home vineyard. They use cover crops which, over time, increase soil organic matter to improve soil structure, stability and increased moisture and nutrient holding capacity.

These are broadbeans, a local variety that gives big beans. Very good friends to the vines, they form bags of nitrogen in their roots, and when crimped with a roller-crimper they leave the nitrogen for the vines to use. And all the life around the vines. Lyrarakis only did broadbeans on every other row for the Muscat. They also sow oats in some rows, but not in this photo.