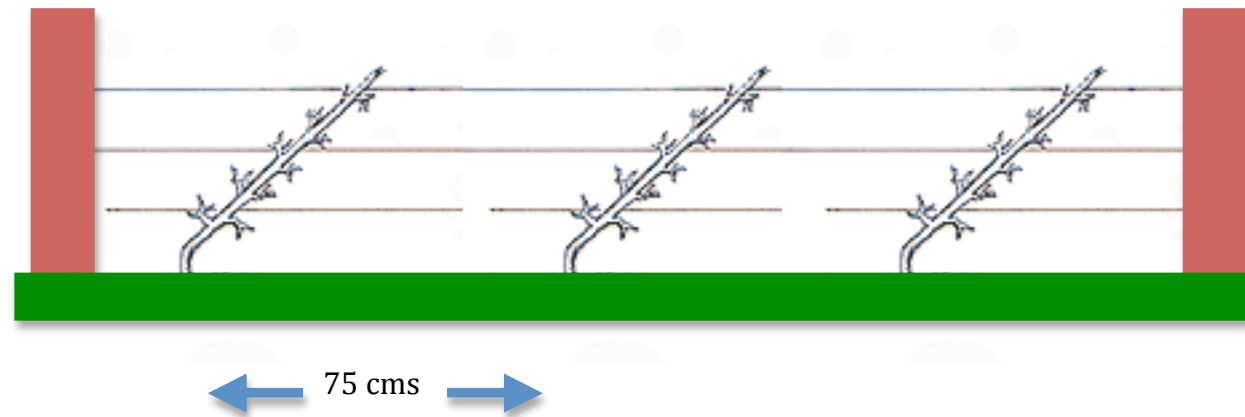


Training a cordon



Cordon fruit trees should be grown at an angle of 45 degrees. Spacing of these trees is approximately 75cms between plants. It is a good idea to tie bamboo canes at an angle of 45 degrees to the straining wires where the cordon is to be planted.

This would mean the wood above the graft union (called the SCION) is pointing upwards, and the graft union is facing down towards the ground.

It is important that the graft union is above soil level, and to note that as the cordon is being planted at an angle of 45 degrees, the union is closer to the ground. The union should be above soil level as for any fruit tree otherwise failure could occur.

Cordons should be planted in the ground as with any other fruit tree.