

Harvest Lab Tech

Lazy Creek Vineyards

Philo, CA

Job Description:

We are looking for a motivated, hard-working individual with an interest in winemaking to join our team to perform lab analysis and a variety of laboratory maintenance duties under the supervision of the Winemaking team. This is a seasonal/harvest position with the potential for regular, full-time employment.

Job Responsibilities: (including but not limited to the following)

- Daily set-up and calibration of laboratory equipment.
- Perform juice and/or wine analysis in a timely fashion. This includes, but is not limited to, the measurement of Brix, temperature, specific gravity, free and total sulfur, ethanol, titratable acidity, pH, volatile acidity, acetic acid, malic acid, ammonia, free amino nitrogen, and residual sugar using either automated or bench chemistry analytical methods.
- Prepare and standardize reagents.
- Collect and prepare samples for analysis.
- Routine preventative maintenance (and/or emergency maintenance) on laboratory equipment.
- Set-up various wine trials as requested by winemaking, including heat and cold stabilities.
- Bottling line Quality Control checks.
- Bottling Supply Quality Assurance.
- Daily microbiological plating checks during bottling.
- Water quality control checks.
- Informs the lab manager of the need to purchase routine lab operating supplies to maintain an operating level.
- Maintain the cleanliness and organization of the lab.
- Record and enter data daily.

- Vineyard sampling

Qualifications:

A BS or BA degree in chemistry, biochemistry, biology or enology is required.

Actual chemistry experience is preferred and previous winery experience is a plus. Must have excellent organizational skills with an attention to detail. Must be computer literate (Word and Excel) with excellent reasoning abilities and outstanding verbal communication skills.

Physical Requirements:

Requires work schedule flexibility during harvest (typically August through November). Must be capable of lifting up to 35 pounds and able to stand and sit for long periods of time.