

Wine Maker

Title: Winemaker/Cellar Master

Company Description: New Winery Located in SE Wisconsin

Type: Immediate Full Time

Salary: Based on Experience

Position:

Winemaker for the production, storage and quality of Cold Hardy Grape Wines, Honey Meads and Hard Cider for new winery startup increasing from 3,500 to 20,000 cases by the third year.

Responsibilities:

- Craft wines of the highest quality, meeting style and production targets, and meeting brand objectives
- Participate in tasting, development of wine blends, and new products to support short and long-term winemaking goals
- Must be willing to experiment with new flavors of mead (both still and carbonated) for possible release to a national audience.
- Set-up various wine and juice bench trials.
- Ensure wine stabilized for bottling
- Ensure blends meet legal specifications for varietals, vintage, appellation, and specified oak targets
- Create and maintain all wine records, including tracking from source to bottle
- Manage regulatory records and assist/direct audit process within the winery
- Implement Food Safety Fundamentals
- Tank coordination to develop plans for incoming grapes and bulk
- Daily set-up and calibration of laboratory equipment
- Plan and oversee supplies, minimize waste and costs of production
- Responsible for efficiency in winery, bottling schedules, wine storage and movement

- Provide coverage for overall onsite operations as needed
- Assist with planning and overseeing staff scheduling, training, advancement, evaluations, and general work of winemaking production employees (seasonal) in all activities
- Adhere to management guidelines concerning budgeting, staffing
- Must be able to perform basic winery tasks without staff when necessary, testing, racking, cleaning, blending, barrel cleaning.
- Assist with establishing outside sales in surrounding areas periodically based on overall winery needs and goals
- Assist with planning staff for various wine tasting events
Assist in recruiting various interns, winery interns, field interns, marketing interns, sales interns
- Participate and lead in all other winery related activities
- Responsible for safety compliance & training as applicable
- Responsible for keeping equipment and winery clean, sanitized, and in good repair
- Assist with overall vineyard operations
- Work with vine cultivation & management, assisting with vineyard operations and assist with record keeping, assist in overseeing vineyard operations & harvest
- Work w/management with quality assessments of grapes prior to harvest and bulk wines prior to finishing

Qualifications:

- Education: Bachelors of Science Degree in Enology, Chemistry, Microbiology, Food Science or related field, or Associates Degree in wine making. Send transcripts with resume.
- Experience: Minimum of two years in wine production environment
- Knowledgeable of major aspects of wine production, equipment, and safety regulations
- Familiar with a multiple grape varieties and wine styles
- Familiar with making mead and cider
- Well-developed tasting skills, ability to detect and describe subtle differences in wine
- Working knowledge of grape processing, filtering, racking and bottling equipment
- Familiar with labeling and formula regulations and ensure compliance
- Must be responsible for transactions from start to finish and track records
- Must be capable of working within constraints of deadlines

- Must be able to create appropriate invoices for sale of equipment, wine, work with management on how to enter into computer, and record keeping
- Ability to store records electronically, communicate via email, monitor wine related communications
- Ability to develop and use spreadsheets and databases
- Working knowledge of MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Wine Management and/or Production Software
- Self-motivated, innovative, and resourceful problem-solver
- Must be organized and detail oriented
- Ability to effectively communicate verbally and in written form
- Ability to effectively present recommendations through logical and analytical analysis
- Ability to operate forklift and tractors and be willing to learn to operate new equipment
- Must be flexible and able to work overtime up to 7 days per week during harvest
- Ability to pass a drug screening and have no felony convictions
- Must be TABC licensed (can be completed online once hired)
- Must have DL and clean driving record