

Dierberg and Star Lane Vineyards are currently looking for a talented Viticulture Technician to join our team in Santa Barbara County. We farm and produce wine from 450 planted acres on three vineyards in Happy Canyon, Santa Rita Hills and Santa Maria Valley AVAs. This is a very unique opportunity to join a luxury estate producing the major varieties of Santa Barbara County: Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah.

The Viticulture Technician will report to the Vineyard Director and work closely with the Vineyard Manager. This position will be responsible for vineyard data collection, data management and technical viticulture on all estate properties.

Duties (will include but are not limited to):

- Collect soil, vine, weather and phenology data.
- Manage vineyard data acquisition systems: Tule Actual ET, Sentek soil moisture probes, Trimble Soil Information Systems and weather stations.
- Maintain and improve vineyard database.
- IPM scouting.
- Yield estimation.
- Maturity sampling near harvest.
- Draft and publish routine reports for stakeholders: vineyard team, winemaking, sales and marketing.
- Design and execute experiments and field trials.
- Support ongoing vineyard operations as needed.

Required Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in Viticulture, Horticulture, Enology, Agricultural Science, Soils, GIS or related field.

**Note:** If you are still in school but graduate soon, please apply. We are willing to work with the right candidate.

- Pest and disease identification.
- Software: Microsoft Word, Excel (advanced), Outlook and statistics.
- Excellent problem solving and analytical skills.
- Self-starter who is able to surmount reasonable obstacles creatively and independently.
- Keen interest in experimentation, new techniques and new vineyard technologies.
- Available to work long hours and weekends during peak periods of the growing season and harvest.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Advanced degree.
- California PCA or QAL.
- Proficiency with GIS Software.
- Deep appreciation for wine and the ability to describe and discuss wines in a group.
- Spanish fluency.

Excellent Benefits: Competitive salary, medical/dental, 401K matching and vehicle stipend.

Twenty years ago, Jim and Mary Dierberg settled in Santa Barbara County to fulfill their dream of building an estate winery capable of rivaling the greatest houses of Burgundy and Bordeaux. Today, the Dierberg and Star Lane brands capture the diverse and unique terroirs of Santa Barbara County in world-class wines. Come join our team and help contribute to the founders' 250 year plan for continued sustainability and excellence.