

JOB TITLE: Harvest Intern

Rideau Vineyard is a small privately owned winery in the Santa Ynez Valley. We produce a range of varieties while focusing on Rhone wines. We have a small estate vineyard while also sourcing from other vineyards in the Central Coast area.

We are currently looking for harvest interns to join our team and assist with our 2017 harvest. The team here is small, experienced, and very close-knit; we are looking for the right candidate for our winery family.

Candidates should be punctual, self-starting, hard-working, detail oriented, passionate about wine, and have a positive attitude. The intern should be prepared to report early August and be willing to work through harvest's end (can be anywhere from end of October to early December depending on the year).

Key Responsibilities:

- Perform cellar duties including, but not limited to, operating and maintaining equipment, hand sorting, forklift operation, pressing, barrel movement, cellar cleaning, etc.
- Conduct proper house techniques for cleaning, sanitizing and storing winery equipment as well as operation set up for processing, wine and juice transfers and tank preparations.
- Perform cellar duties such as punch downs, rackings, drain and press, fermentation additions, barrel filling and maintenance.
- Properly follow and complete work orders for tracking.
- Follow standard operating procedures to ensure efficiency and continued quality.
- Adhere to all safety policies.
- Demonstrate apt attention to detail in all aspects of work.
- Assist in any other production related activities for crush as directed by winemaker.

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 21 years of age or older.
- Must be willing to work extended and flexible hours, including early mornings, evenings and weekends.
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs on a regularly and repeatedly.
- Must be able to work in an outdoor environment and perform physical work (lifting, bending, climbing, squatting).
- Ability to read, write, and understand English with the ability to follow instructions.
- Must a team player.

Additional Qualifications (beneficial but not required)

- Previous cellar and harvest experience.
- University or college qualification in viticulture and enology, or related field, preferred.
- Laboratory experience a plus.
- Licensed fork lift operator preferred

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