

Position/Title: Harvest Laboratory Technician

Job Location: Los Olivos, CA

Type of Work: Laboratory Technician

Description:

Zaca Mesa Winery & Vineyards is looking for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our 2017 harvest team. Successful applicants will be working with fruit from our estate vineyard located in the Santa Ynez Valley. We are Rhone varietal focused with over 40 years of history in Santa Barbara County.

Ideal candidates will possess a great work ethic, have the ability to follow directions, and work independently on assigned tasks. This is a seasonal, full time harvest position which will start in late July and end in November.

Responsibilities include, (but not limited to):

- Conduct laboratory operations and ensure obedience with all federal and state regulations
- Perform lab analysis including: FSO₂, pH, TA, VA, Alcohol
- Perform R.S. and Malic Acid analysis via spectrophotometer
- Maintenance and calibration of analytical instruments
- Perform bench trials with fining agents
- Process vineyard samples and run juice analysis
- Perform daily brix and temperature readings on fermentations
- Perform additions to juice, must, and wine
- Perform punch-downs & pump-overs

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma and/or equivalent
- Currently enrolled in a College/ University with a minimum of two (2) years of work towards BS Degree preferred
- Previous lab experience and/or harvest experience helpful
- Basic chemistry and analytical analysis experience
- Strong mathematics and statistical skills, and strong attention to detail
- Ability to follow directions under minimal supervision
- Ability to prioritize tasks and duties efficiently in a fluid workplace
- Must be computer literate with MS Office (Word and Excel)
- Strong ability to communicate both written and verbal; must be able to effectively present information and respond to questions
- Ability to work overtime and weekends
- Timeliness is essential
- Reliable transportation and possesses a valid CA driver's license

Physical Demands: *The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee/intern to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

- Ability to work in an indoor and outdoor environment including walking to the lab and cellar
- Ability to climb ladders
- Ability to remain on their feet six hours at a time
- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds

While performing the duties of this job, the intern/employee is regularly required to stand, move or walk for prolonged periods of time. The employee is frequently required to use hand to finger, handle or feel, reach with hands and arms, climb, balance, sit, talk or hear and taste and smell. The employee occasionally may be required to stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. Visual acuity, peripheral vision, distance vision, color vision and depth perception are needed. The employee must be able to communicate by speech and hearing continuously.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to a winery lab and cellar environment of potential moving mechanical parts. They may also be occasionally exposed to wet or humid conditions, toxic or caustic chemicals, fumes or airborne particles, outdoor conditions and potential precarious spaces. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate; however winery equipment noise can be at a much higher level.

Contact Information:

Interested individuals should send their resume and cover letter to Kristin Bryden, kristin@zacamesa.com. No phone calls, please.