Viticulture Intern Job Description

Reports to Director of Vineyards

Seasonal PT, exempt

Job Summary:
The Viticulture Intern will assist our Production team with seasonal vineyard practices reporting, block monitoring for pests and diseases, harvest maturity sampling, lab testing and fruit intake during harvest.

Essential Functions:
The following reflects management’s definition of essential functions for this job but does not restrict the tasks that may be assigned. Management may assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time due to reasonable accommodation or other reasons.

Works independently, but under supervision, to monitor vineyards during the growing season. Samples grapes for maturity through harvest. May assist with mapping vineyards. May test samples in lab and assist with fruit intake during harvest.

- Takes detailed notes during vineyard rounds and reports to supervisor; eyes and ears in the field.
- Assist in grape intake reporting during harvest
- Takes grape samples of vineyards up and through harvest.
- Monitors technical related duties to the operation of a vineyard such as pruning, irrigation, pest control and general operations.
- Scout for pests, diseases and fertility problems throughout growing season.
- Develop crop estimates and report to supervisor.
- Sample plant tissue, soil and irrigation water and/or gather data from grower.
- Assist in vineyard experiments, data collection and tracking/reporting results.

Qualifications:
- Viticulture knowledge; previous sampling experience preferred
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Highly motivated, detail oriented, and flexible
- Must be able to work well independently as well as on part of a team
- Proficient in Word, Access, Excel and Outlook and the ability to create vineyard data reports
- Valid CA driver’s license and clean DMV record

Working Conditions:
- Moderate to heavy physical work
- Work site may be any one of HFW’s vineyards or locations
- Standing for long periods of time (8 hours per day)
- Must comply with all safety equipment requirements including ear plugs and safety glasses
- Exposure to various chemicals in production areas
- Exposure to machinery, forklifts and related production equipment
- Long and irregular hours during peak periods or on various shifts
- Extensive walking and lifting of up to 55 pounds
- Some field work required throughout the season
- Extensive driving

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