

Dana Estates

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Winemaking Intern

Department: Production

Reports to: Assistant Winemaker

Employment Dates: Mid-September – End November

Description:

Dana Estates is a boutique, high end winery located in St. Helena. We produce three vineyard designate Estate Cabernets, a Bordeaux blend and Sauvignon blanc under the direction of Winemaker, Chris Cooney and Consulting Winemaker, Phillipe Melka.

We do our best to take each interns strengths and interests in mind, to make their harvest experience specialized to them.

General Accountabilities:

This harvest internship position provides experience in winemaking at the highest level. We are looking for an enthusiastic, reliable, hard-working intern with a great attention to detail. The cellar intern plays a vital role during harvest, carrying out harvest cellar duties.

Job Duties:

- Responsible for day to day harvest activities under the guidance of the Assistant Winemaker including pump-overs, punchdowns, barrel rolling, racking, additions, pressing, digging tanks, pressing operations.
- Assist with vineyard sampling, grape maturity analysis and observations when time allows
- Fermentation management, cap management, barrel work.
- Daily Brix/Temp, basic lab analysis
- Assist in non-harvest cellar operations: Topping, racking, additions, sampling, blending, bottling prep, wine movements, inventory.
- Cooperation and teamwork to accomplish wine quality and production goals
- Maintaining a clean and safe work environment

Personal Attributes/Requirements:

- Must have general understanding of cellar operations
- Attention to detail
- Strong work ethic and positive attitude
- Communicate in English-both written and verbal, competency in Spanish is a plus
- Reliable transportation and housing is required
- Must be at least 21 years old with a valid driver's license
- Ability to perform strenuous physical tasks, such as lifting up to 50 pounds, repetitive movements, bending down, and ascend/descend ladders
- Ability to lawfully work in the USA
- Ability to work extended hours and on weekends during peak harvest period

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