



Job Description

Position: Viticulturist, Ridge Vineyards, Lytton Springs, CA
Category: Full Time. May include weekends and holidays as needed

OBJECTIVE: The Viticulturist will assist the Senior Vice President of Vineyard Operations and Four Seasons Vineyard Management in the management of approximately 320 acres of estate wine grapes in Sonoma County. Responsibilities include quality control of day-to-day vineyard activities, implementation of grape disease, pest, and weed control programs and pest and disease monitoring. Additional duties include:

- Monitoring/quality control during harvest
- Interact with Four Seasons Vineyard Management personnel and management, providing quality control and oversight on all viticultural issues
- Organic record keeping, including all inputs to vineyards
- Viticultural data and recordkeeping, including weather stations, AgCode, and irrigation management systems
- Vineyard scouting and biocontrol applications
- Waste water pond and reservoir maintenance
- Irrigation oversight and recordkeeping
- Maintenance of compost pile
- Work with **A&P Inphatec** on phage therapy for winegrapes
- Oversee farmworker housing maintenance and compliance
- Cost control, including Annual Farm Plan development and monthly billing versus budget comparisons
- Work with Growers as directed by Senior VP of Vineyard Operations
- Coordinate and maintain records of any viticultural experiments
- Organize vineyard disease and pest control plan, beginning under supervision of Senior VP of Vineyard Operations, then in consultation with Senior VP of Vineyard Operations
- Oversee maturity sampling, beginning with following sampling plan, then organizing sampling schedule in consultation with Senior VP of Vineyard Operations and Winemakers
- Oversee Sonoma interns, beginning under supervision of Senior VP of Vineyard Operations, then in consultation with Senior VP of Vineyard Operations

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- BA/BS degree with an emphasis in Viticulture or closely related field; or an equivalent combination of education and at least 1-2 years' practical experience
- Knowledge and experience in all vineyard practices
- Experience with vineyard equipment
- Ability to work closely with vineyard and winery staff to continually improve wine quality
- Ability to collaborate with winemaker and production team at Lytton Springs Winery.
- Must provide valid California drivers license, and proof of a clean driving record

- Must have the ability to perform intense manual labor outdoors, and in all types of weather and terrain
- Must be able to effectively communicate in English and Spanish
- Must have the ability to work in the vineyards, walk up and down hilly terrain, occasionally lift up to 25 lbs., bend, stoop, and crawl through the vineyards as needed

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