



**Job Description:**

**Position Title:** Viticultural Intern, Monte Bello Estate, Cupertino, CA

**Category:** Full Time, Seasonal, Harvest Season (Typical May-November)

Ridge Vineyards is looking for a motivated intern to join us for the 2023 harvest season.

**OBJECTIVE:** The Viticultural Intern will work with the Senior Vice President of Vineyard Operations, Director of Vineyard Operations, and the Viticulturist at our Monte Bello Estate in the Santa Cruz Mountains. There may be occasional travel to our Lytton Springs Estate in Healdsburg, CA. Responsibilities include assisting with scouting diseases, modeling, monitoring vine stages, data collection and analysis, etc. on estate vineyards. This is a paid Internship eligible for health benefits. Ideal candidates have completed at least one harvest internship, or are currently pursuing a degree in Viticulture, Enology, or a closely related field.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Prior to harvest, assist with the collection and organization of viticultural data, such as: Modeling an experimental yield estimation technique, monitoring vine phenological stages, maintaining crew operational records
- Assist in scouting for diseases such as powdery mildew, other vertebrate/invertebrate pests, and any abnormalities
- Analyze historical data, including climate and ripening parameters
- Assist in collection of plant tissue for nutrient analysis
- Help maintain in-house organic compost program
- Act as the primary berry sampler during harvest
- Join production team during tastings
- Other duties may be assigned depending on seasonal need

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor's degree (or in-progress) in Viticulture/Enology, or related field preferred
- Previous harvest experience is a plus
- A passion for all things wine, from vineyard to table
- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Ability to walk up and down stairs, walk in uneven terrain, occasionally climb ladders, catwalks
- Clean driving record
- Familiar with Microsoft Office
- Strong organization and communication skills
- Available to work a regular, full time schedule that includes overtime, weekends, and holidays as needed during harvest season
- Spanish language skills a plus

This physical job can require extended hours in the vineyard or in the winery. In most cases, vineyard work will need to be performed in varying weather conditions, on uneven terrain, and at variable times during a 24-hour period.