



Assistant Winemaker Job Description

Position Overview

The Blind Horse Winery is a family owned, 5,000 case operation and we are growing. The Assistant Winemaker is responsible for helping to oversee all aspects of the wine production process. This includes day-to-day operations. A winemaker at The Blind Horse works alongside the team and no job is too big or too small. As a part of the winemaking team in a small business, this is a key role in an exciting industry.

Winemaking Responsibilities

- Assist with receiving and processing fruit – crushing, pressing, sorting, etc
- General sanitation of winery and equipment following standard operating procedures
- Transfer, rack and filter wine from tank to tank
- Fill, top, stir and maintain wine in barrels
- Add additives to tanks
- Assist on bottling
- Learn to spot spoiling wine and be able to identify conditions that lead to spoilage
- Gather samples for analysis including fruit, active fermentation, bulk wine in storage and packaging runs
- Conduct routine lab analysis on products using various techniques and equipment
- Help ensure all bulk storage tanks are properly labeled and secured daily
- Aid in inventory management including conducting physical inventory measurement when needed
- Alert management of unexpected inventory changes or other losses due to winemaking operations
- Help maintain a high level of quality control during every process
- Aid in management of supplies inventory and other materials and equipment used in the production of wine
- Help maintain records as required for the purpose of meeting government and corporate requirements
- Assist with shipping and receiving raw materials and finished products
- Lead public and private tours and assist with larger winery functions
- Continually look to innovate winemaking and production and adapt to changing market conditions



Requirements

- At least 18 years old
- Available to work up to six days/week and 12 hours/day on occasion during harvest season and property festivals
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Basic math skills
- Must be organized, self-motivated and detail oriented with the ability to multi-task
- Able to operate a forklift is desired, but not required
- Sound written/verbal communication and excellent interpersonal skills
- Passion for wine and hospitality
- Comfortable with technology including Microsoft or Google productivity tools, email and various online tools for business and winemaking
- Ability to lift 60 lbs, be on feet for most of the day, bend, squat and climb stairs
- Willingness to work hard, get wet and dirty and clean meticulously

Compensation is competitive and based on skills and experience. As a full-time employee you will receive health insurance, paid time off and ability to contribute to our 401k program.