

CHADDSFORD WINERY

JOB DESCRIPTION

WINEMAKER

Located in the heart of the Brandywine Valley in beautiful Southeastern Pennsylvania sits Chaddsford Winery, one of the oldest and most acclaimed wineries in the state. Established in 1982, Chaddsford Winery is a family-owned, 30,000 case operation – and widely regarded as a pioneer in the Pennsylvania wine industry.

We focus on making regional expressions through a diverse portfolio of dry white, red and sweet wines. We are currently seeking our third winemaker in our 37-year history. This individual will have the support of a seasoned cellar and management team, and will work closely with the General Manager and Cellar Master to achieve and set exciting, growth-oriented business objectives.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Including, but not limited to:

- Reports directly to General Manager
- Works directly and collaboratively with Cellar Master and production team
- Sets and implements direction on winemaking, technical and lab support
- Helps coordinate daily activities related to wine production through all stages of the grape growing and winemaking process
- Analyzes wine, juice and vineyard samples from vine to bottle
- Maintains bottling quality control by performing standard checks and analysis and completing required records
- Performs sensory, chemical and microbiological analysis of wines, juices and musts as needed
- Communicates with growers to manage incoming fruit throughout course of growing season and during harvest
- Works with Cellar Master to set production schedules in line with the capabilities of the facility and the needs of the market – as determined by management team
- Assists in development of the product mix and grape needs for coming season
- Manages inventory levels of supplies and materials used in the production of wine
- Maintains records as required for the purpose of meeting government and corporate compliance
- Works as part of winery management team to help set company direction
- Continually looks to innovate winemaking and production and adapt to changing market conditions
- Actively participates in all company-wide employee training, compliance and evaluation processes

EXPECTATIONS:

- Attends weekly management meetings
- Upholds company policies and standards

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- Maintains a professional image both physically and verbally when representing the Winery
- Continuous checking of phone and email messages
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including some extended hours, weekends and holidays – as demands of the position dictate

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to lift and carry 50lbs
- Ability to sit and work at a desk for long periods of time
- Ability to walk, stand and work on concrete floors
- Ability to move around entire property throughout the day

Our compensation package is competitive and based on skills and experience. This is a full-time, salaried position, eligible for the Chaddsford benefits package including health and dental insurance, compensated time off, disability and life insurance, 401(k) program, etc. Eligibility after 90-day review period and/or when respective hourly requirements are met.