

Viticulture Internship 2019

Martinez Vineyard Services is seeking a half-time intern for the 2019 growing season. We are a small but growing full-service vineyard management company based in Dayton, Oregon. Currently we oversee management of 165 acres of mature, certified organic vineyards in 7 locations in Yamhill County, and an additional 10 acres just planted in the Eola Hills. This intern will be supervised by Rebecca Sweet, an experienced manager, LIVE inspector and former instructor of vineyard practices at Umpqua and Chemeketa Community Colleges.

Learning Opportunities

- Collection of yield data- Work independently and with supervisor to count shoot numbers and clusters and to collect cluster weights.
- Scouting- Work with supervisor to identify important phenological time points as well as pest/pathogen/beneficial insect/native flora & fauna presence.
- Nutrient Analysis- Work independently and with supervisor to collect leaves for nutrient analysis.
- Irrigation- Monitor for moisture stress with a pressure bomb. Monitor irrigation system in young vineyard.
- Canopy management- Work side-by-side with the vineyard crew to gain an understanding of the pace and methods used for canopy management.
- Other experiences in viticulture, business and winemaking may be available, depending on the interest of the applicant.

Qualifications

- Physical strength and endurance- Able to endure variable weather, especially heat. Able to lift 40lb.
- Communication skills- Ability to write and speak clearly in English and preferably Spanish as well.
- Driving- Dependable transportation and a good driving record is required. Carpooling from the Corvallis area may be an occasional option.
- Computer skills- Familiarity with basic computer functions, Microsoft Excel, Word.
- Work style- Must be dependable, focused, detail-oriented, organized and good-humored.

Compensation

- An entry-level hourly wage is available

Contact

A letter of inquiry describing your interests and qualifications can be sent to Rebecca Sweet <corridorag@gmail.com>. Please also indicate the timing of your availability.