

Troon Vineyard Assistant Winemaker

Troon Vineyard is a 7,500 case estate winery in Southern Oregon's beautiful Applegate Valley. We follow a minimalist, non-interventional philosophy of winemaking using only native yeasts, no sugar or acid adjustments and no new oak. Our estate vineyard is dedicated to the varieties of Southern France, and has just transitioned to biodynamic agriculture. We strive to produce honest wines of intention, naturally made to express the unique climate and terroir of the Applegate Valley.

Troon Vineyard is seeking an assistant winemaker to be involved in all activities from the vineyard to the bottle. Duties include:

- Cellar: topping, racking, blending, SO₂ additions, cleaning/sanitation, barrel hygiene, etc.
- Lab: pH, TA titrations, Brix (refractometry and density meter), FSO₂ via aeration oxidation, sampling for microbial microbiome study
- Vineyard: petiole sampling, leaf water potentials via pressure chamber, cluster weights, grape maturity sampling and analysis
- Harvest: grape receipt and processing, fermentation cap management, daily Brix/temp monitoring, mentoring and working with harvest interns
- Bottling: racking/blending wines for bottling, aid with mobile bottling line
- Admin: tracking all operations through InnoVint software, using GSuite and online project management platforms, keeping careful records for reporting purposes as well as organic and biodynamic audits, safety compliance
- Other: assisting in on-going staff education, occasional special events participation, etc.

Desired Skills and Experience:

- A bachelor's degree in enology, biology, chemistry, food science or a related field
- Minimum of three harvests, preferably including at least two full years of cellar experience
- Passionate about crafting wines of purity and integrity
- A desire to work within the framework of minimal intervention in the cellar
- Knowledge or interest in Biodynamic practices and techniques and regenerative agriculture
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English; any knowledge of Spanish a plus
- Familiar and comfortable with using computers and online software for tracking and record keeping including GSuite (Gmail, Google Drive, Sheets, Docs, etc), InnoVint winery management software, project management tools (Slack, ToDoist, Trello), etc.
- Ability to prepare and carefully follow written work orders
- Attention to detail, and ability to handle multiple projects and deadlines
- Strong organizational, analytical and time management skills
- Excellent math skills and accuracy with numbers
- High degree of personal responsibility, and the desire to continually strive for improvement
- Availability to work a varied and extended schedule as needed (harvest, bottling, some events, etc)

- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 lbs, work on ladders and stand for extended periods of time, navigate uneven vineyard terrain, and perform significant physical exertion both indoors and out in all many of climatic conditions

Salary is based upon experience. Compensation will include health insurance and paid vacation time. Apply with resume and cover letter.