

## **Viticulture Internship-Winemakers LLC**

**Alder Ridge Vineyard, Alderdale, WA**

**Phil Church Vineyard, Sunnyside, WA**

### **Company Description**

Winemakers LLC is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic individual to work with us as an intern this summer. We own vineyard and winemaking operations in the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Our locations include Sawtooth and Skyline vineyards in Idaho, Howell Prairie, Waldo Hills, and Battle Creek vineyards in Oregon, and Alder Ridge and Phil Church Vineyards in Washington state.

This position will be based at our two sites in Washington. Alder Ridge Vineyard is located in the Horse Heaven Hills AVA at the start of the Columbia River Gorge. Phil Church Vineyard is in the Yakima Valley AVA between the towns of Grandview and Sunnyside. We farm around 1300 acres of premium wine grapes and cherries at these two locations. We sell our grapes to both large and small producers throughout the Northwest that include well known and respected wineries in Walla Walla, Idaho, the Puget Sound, the Tri Cities area, and the Willamette Valley. As an intern, you'll have the opportunity to work in and gain experience with both large and small production vineyard blocks and a wide variety of grape cultivars.

### **Job Description**

You will be assisting with growing quality wine grapes during the summer of 2022. Our duties will include the identification of insect pests, biotic and abiotic diseases, nutrient deficiencies, fungal infections, and whatever else nature throws at us that can affect plant health. We will also perform tasks related to yield estimation such as cluster counts and weights. This position is a normal 40-hour Monday-Friday work week.

Most of our time will be spent at Alder Ridge Vineyard with a day or two per week at Phil Church Vineyard. We require our interns to start in mid-May and work until Mid-August although we are flexible depending on class schedules. There is the potential to stay on through harvest if we need extra help and scheduling permits. This normally runs until the end of October. We intend this to be an opportunity for our interns to learn and gain experience in their field of study. Although prior experience is helpful, above all we're looking for someone who is enthusiastic and is willing to learn.

### **Job Requirements**

- Be enrolled in or be a recent graduate of a viticulture and/or enology program or a similar area of study (agriculture, plant science, etc.).
- Possess an interest in the farming side of the wine industry.
- Be willing to learn and use this knowledge to succeed in the vineyard.
- Be able to or learn how to safely ride an ATV over rough terrain.
- Learn and understand how to work safely around farm equipment and pesticides.

-Learn how to identify insects, diseases, animals, and weeds that have an economic impact in a vineyard and determine if/when treatment is necessary.

-Be able to work outdoors for extended periods of time in all types of weather (95% of this position is outdoor work).

-Be able to lift 40 pounds if necessary.

-Be comfortable with and able to work alone and complete tasks with little or no supervision.

-Have reliable transportation (the vineyard is in the middle of nowhere).

-Possess a reliable cell phone for communication due to the large acreage of our vineyards.

-Basic Spanish knowledge is helpful but not required.

-Must be able to secure housing for the duration of the internship as we are unable to offer assistance.

-We are currently unable to sponsor work visas.

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to Frank Shughrou; [frank@winemakersllc.com](mailto:frank@winemakersllc.com)