

JOB OPENINGS

Red Tail Ridge Winery

Position: Vineyard Apprentice/Assistant
Company: Red Tail Ridge Winery
Location: 846 State Route 14, Penn Yan, NY 14527
Salary: Based on experience
Type: Full-time, hourly wage
Job: grape and wine production

Starting Date: currently available

Winery Summary: We are an 9,000 case winery on Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes region of NY. Red Tail Ridge is a 2019 and 2020 James Beard semi-finalist for Outstanding Wine, Spirits, or Beer Producer. We specialize in cool climate vinifera varieties: Riesling, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Blaufränkisch, Zweigelt, Dornfelder, Teroldego and Lagrein. Red Tail Ridge also produces Méthode Champenoise and Pétillant Naturel. We are a LEED® gold certified green winery.

Job Summary: Full-time, hourly position available. The successful candidate will apprentice with our Vineyard Manager and assume responsibilities relating to seasonal and day-to-day vineyard/property management and maintenance. Responsibilities will include participation in all vineyard, harvest and crush activities, as well as routine cellar/winery practices, operation and maintenance.

Essential duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Operation and routine maintenance of farming/harvest equipment
- Assist with vineyard maintenance and routine cultural practices
- Canopy and crop management
- Cover crop maintenance
- Upkeep of trellising
- Maintenance and operation of irrigation systems
- Operation of mechanical tilling and weed control equipment
- Upkeep, installation and removal of bird netting
- Yield estimation
- Integrated Pest Management
- Property maintenance and upkeep
- Assist with cleaning and maintenance of winery tanks and equipment
- Participate in preparation, bottling, and cleaning procedures
- Assist with all harvest and crush activities

Prior experience, qualifications and/or skills:

- Working knowledge of farming equipment operation and maintenance is required
- Must be mechanically inclined
- Training in agriculture/horticulture, or Ag. Business is highly desirable
- Must be a team player, but also able to work independently when needed.
- Ability to lift 50+ lbs
- Prior vineyard/winery experience is helpful, but not necessary.
- Prior experience with winery equipment operation and maintenance is highly desirable

Application Procedure: Send a resume and references to:

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Application Deadline: Open until filled