

Join a progressive vineyard in the Niagara Peninsula that grows a variety of vinifera grape vines including Cabernet Franc & Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Noir. Our client is committed to making continued investments in their vines, equipment and facilities while ensuring a sustainable approach to viticulture practices. As the Vineyard Manager, lead with an intellectually curious mindset as you and your team determine and implement grape growing methods that will ensure a quality product for wineries in the region

Vineyard Manager

Niagara Region, Ontario

Reporting to the ownership group, you will:

- Be the on-site lead for all vineyard operations including: determining spray and integrated pest management programs, grape growth (suckering, canopy management etc.), and harvesting
- Alongside the ownership group, develop a long-term strategy for enhancing viticultural practices, sustainability of land stewardship, and grape quality, as well as areas for capital investment
- Arrange collaborative projects and studies with academic and government researchers to further the vineyard's innovation and success
- Lead and manage a small team of seasonal workers to ensure all elements of planning and executing viticultural practices and programs are completed
- Develop and grow relationships with customers, and ensure vineyard growing objectives align with demands and expectations
- Complete administrative requirements for the operation including monitoring and evaluating budgets, hiring and training employees, and more

Your background includes:

- A Degree or Diploma in Oenology/Viticulture, Science, Agriculture, Horticulture or related field. Master's Degree an asset, but not a requirement
- Experience managing a vineyard operation preferred. Willing to consider farm management experience paired with a thorough knowledge of horticulture/crop agronomy
- A thorough knowledge of soils, drainage, nutrient management, insects, weed management, canopy management, and crop harvesting and handling. Prior experience with organic, biodynamic and sustainable farming strongly preferred
- A natural ability to lead and connect with people, as well as effective networking and relationship building abilities
- Strong organizational and analytical abilities
- Experience operating vineyard and/or farm equipment, and with repairs and maintenance

This position will require some work on weekends and holidays as well as occasional overtime.

To learn more about this position and our client, contact Emily Gordon at eg@litherlandco.com or by phone at 416-868-4888 Ext. 4 quoting "Vineyard Manager - 190110"

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