



Position Description: Winemaker

Fowles Wine is a 100% family-owned winery located in the dramatic granite landscape of the Strathbogie Ranges in Victoria. Located 130 kilometres north of Melbourne, the vineyards and winery rest on an ancient granite plateau.

Fowles Wine is known for crafting some of Australia's finest cool climate wines, winning many of the world's most prestigious wine medals and trophies.

Reporting to the Chief Winemaker this is a senior role with day-to-day management responsibilities, plus thoughtful input to winemaking and vineyard direction. It also requires representation with trade, media, wine shows and continuing professional development through seminars and conferences. It involves a high degree of hands-on management including:

Winemaking and operational functions:

- Management and oversight of all aspects of wine production and winery team;
- Coordinate all winery procedures in conjunction with the winemaking and cellar teams;
- Support the development of new wines for the portfolio;
- Bring innovations and ideas to drive quality and efficiency;
- Be the primary contact for contract clients during harvest to ensure a high level of service;
- Assist in coordination of grape deliveries;
- Ensure accurate and timely updates of the bulk wine system – from grape receipt to laboratory records and bottling;
- Prepare and amend Standard Operating Procedures as required;
- Liaise with suppliers;
- Coordinate OH&S and environmental procedures and ensure compliance with both internal and legal requirements and expectations.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Tertiary qualification in oenology;
- At least 10 years' relevant experience;
- Valid forklift and driver's licences.

Competencies:

- Strong, clear communication and organisation;
- Excellent winemaking skills and knowledge of a full range of styles'
- Customer service orientation;
- A focus on safety and environmental responsibility.

Interfaces:

External:

- Suppliers and contractors;
- Contract winemaking clients;
- AWRI and other industry bodies;
- Trade and media.

Internal:

- Winery and laboratory team;
- Chief Winemaker;
- Finished goods manager;
- Marketing and sales teams;
- CEO.