



SUTTON GRANGE

Wines that stand alone



POSITION DESCRIPTION: CHIEF WINEMAKER

Sutton Grange is an independent, privately-owned business, dedicated to growing the finest possible range of wines on a beautiful site, 30 minutes south of Bendigo. The 12 Ha vineyard is managed using organic farming principles, albeit without certification.

The portfolio includes the estate-grown, flagship - and eponymous - Sutton Grange wines with their complexity and fineness, plus the more approachable Fairbank range. All wines are grown and made thoughtfully, with meticulous attention to detail.

Reporting to the business owner, this is a hands-on vineyard, winery and advocacy role for the right person with the passion, professionalism and energy to keep driving for excellence at Sutton Grange.

Vineyard and Winery Functions:

- Management, mentoring and training of the vineyard/winery team;
- Hands-on management of day-to-day operations from vineyard and winemaking to the warehouse;
- Bring innovations to drive quality, efficiency, sustainability and safety;
- Management & reporting for statutory, certification and internal requirements. This includes safety, environmental and financial responsibilities;
- Plan and oversee maintenance programs for both vineyard and winery;
- Prepare and drive ongoing vineyard and winery capital upgrades;
- Support the company's wines in the market as required.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Tertiary qualification in Oenology;
- At least 5 years of relevant experience;
- Valid forklift and drivers' licences, Chem Cert beneficial;
- Highly developed tasting skills and passion for fine wine & viticulture.

Competencies:

- Self-motivated;
- Knowledge of a broad range of wine styles;
- Focus on safety and environmental responsibility;
- Strong organisational and communication skills;
- Ability to work in a team environment & constructive leadership style.

Interfaces:

External:

- Retailers / trade / media;
- Winemaking & Viticulture consultants as required;
- Suppliers & contractors;
- Industry & accreditation bodies.

Internal:

- Business owner;
- Vineyard / team;
- General Manager: Sales & Hospitality.