



FEATHERTOP

POSITION DESCRIPTION: WINEMAKER

Ever since its establishment in 1988, the Estate vineyard – just near Bright and Porepunkah – has been one of the regional leaders of the Alpine Valleys. Today, it is still showing the way with one of the most impressive ranges of varieties one can find anywhere. The Italian selections include 7 clones of Sangiovese and 4 of Nebbiolo, plus Fiano, Fruiliano, Montepulciano, Prosecco and Vermentino. With several more classics (including 10 clones of Pinot Noir and 12 of Shiraz) and Spanish varieties, the range is thoughtful, comprehensive and challenging.

The business model is built on direct engagement, relationships and sales channels, making cooperation and coordination with the whole team essential – from the vineyard, to the luxury accommodation facilities and Summit Cru Wine Club.

Reporting directly to the business owner, this is a hands-on winemaking role with responsibility for vineyard, winery and bottling operations including, scheduling, financial, environmental and OHS management. As the face of the brand and a powerful advocate for the Estate, the role demands a commitment to excellence and business acumen.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Oversee vineyard operations with respect to wine allocations, budgeting, reporting and redevelopment;
- Hands-on management of all winemaking and bottling, ensuring safe, compliant operation with respect to both external regulatory and internal policy requirements;
- Work with the leadership team to ensure all aspects of the business are aligned with the vision, values and mission of the Estate;
- Planning, plus regular management reporting to the business owner with respect to financial, safety, quality, environmental and compliance matters;
- Work with the sales and marketing teams to promote the wines and advocate for the Estate and the region in the wine community;

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Tertiary level oenology qualifications;
- 7 years' relevant winemaking experience;
- Highly developed palate and understanding of international wine styles;
- Solid understanding of vineyard operations and management;
- Good engagement with the broader Australian wine community;
- Excellent communication and marketing skills;
- Drivers' licence and ability to travel domestically.

COMPETENCIES:

- Advocacy and leadership;
- High level of organisation and attention to detail;
- Independence and initiative;
- An eye for value and operational efficiency.

INTERFACES:

External:

- Regional, state and national industry bodies;
- Contractors and suppliers;
- Wine club, customers and estate guests;
- Media.

Internal:

- Vineyard team;
- Sales, marketing & events teams;
- Business owner.