



POSITION DESCRIPTION: OPERATIONS WINEMAKER

Best's Great Western is one of Australia's most established and innovative wine businesses. The extensive portfolio of wines is a reflection of over 150 years of viticulture and winemaking experience, which has continued to evolve with a focus on quality and innovation. Established in 1866, Best's now have 147 Ha of vines planted with over 40 varieties. Their long-term commitment to sustainable land management has preserved some of the oldest and most notable vineyard resources in the country.

Reporting directly to the Winemaker, this is a hands-on role that will be responsible for coordinating day-to-day cellar operations, managing the laboratory and supervising the winery team. The Operations Winemaker will be involved in all areas of production, working with a diverse mix of winemaking styles and techniques. Best's new Operations Winemaker will have the opportunity to work with industry leaders and advance their career, through supported professional development.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support the Winemaker in planning and executing all day-to-day winemaking operations
- Supervise cellar staff and contractors, ensuring workplace safety standards and legislative compliance
- Prepare wines to style and schedule in line with production standards and quality objectives
- Contribute to tastings, trials, preparation of blends and quality assessment
- Perform laboratory analysis and quality control procedures
- Maintain and adhere to policies and standard operating procedures, driving efficient processes
- Recruitment and training of vintage staff
- Oversee equipment maintenance programs
- Assist with dry goods ordering and stock management
- Assist in maintaining winery records, documenting all cellar operations and compliance requirements
- Participate in brand promotion and representation, including wine show judging and industry events
- Coordinate wine show entries in liaison with Winemaker, recording all submissions and achievements

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

- Tertiary qualification in Oenology preferred
- At least 3 years' winery experience
- Proficient in production functions, including blending and preparation of wine for bottling
- Basic laboratory skills and the ability to interpret analytical data
- Familiarity with winery software, Vintrace experience an advantage
- Good understanding of vineyard operations
- Current forklift & driver's licence



ATTRIBUTES:

- Team leadership
- Hands-on and driven
- Problem solving and ability to adapt to change
- Proactive, with attention to detail
- Physically capable of undertaking cellar duties
- Capacity to work extended hours during vintage, or as required
- Ability to travel domestically

KEY INTERACTIONS:

INTERNAL:

- Managing Director
- Commercial Manager
- Winemaker
- Winery team
- Bottling/Warehouse Supervisor
- Viticulture team

EXTERNAL:

- Consultants
- Contractors & suppliers
- Wine Shows
- Trade & consumers