

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

WINEMAKER

Cherubino Wines is a Western Australian leader, receiving some of Australia's top awards in recognition of excellence across all areas of the business. Capital investment projects, including the new Metricup winery and the next stages of clonal, varietal and soil biology trials, are key to driving continual improvement.

Fruit is sourced from Estate owned vineyards in Pemberton and Great Southern (both 100% certified for carbon neutrality and sustainability) plus Margaret River. The varietal mix includes the mainstays of Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, plus a range of Mediterranean varieties adding great diversity to the portfolio across all brands.

Reporting to the Senior Winemaker/Manager this is a hands-on role that includes responsibility for staff management and ensuring all operations are executed to the highest standards. Providing leadership and support is a key part of this role, maintaining a strong team and culture of wine excellence.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support the Senior Winemaker in upholding and refining the house style;
- Manage workplace health and safety, ensuring procedural & regulatory compliance;
- Coordinating & executing daily winery plans and bottling schedules;
- Work with Regional Viticulturists to optimise alignment and management across the 220 Ha of vineyards;
- Supervise and train vintage staff, contractors and support broader professional development;
- Maintain winery management software, providing reports as required;
- Work on specialised winemaking projects, innovation and new product development;
- Oversee the winery preventative maintenance program;
- Assist with the planning and implementation of capital investment projects;
- Represent the business and its various operations at wine shows, trade and industry events.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- Tertiary qualification in Wine Science, Applied Science, Oenology or equivalent discipline;
- At least 4 years' relevant experience in high-end winemaking, including experience with high quality Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon;
- Proactive in preventative maintenance and risk mitigation;
- Competency with modern software systems;
- Solid laboratory skills;
- Proactive involvement with the broader wine community;
- Good understanding and drive for fine wine culture.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Excellent palate & understanding of international wine styles;
- Excellent organisation, communication and leadership skills;
- Creative and energetic approach;

- Proactive, with attention to detail;
- Operational efficiency and an eye for business improvement;
- Physically capable of performing active cellar duties;
- Valid driver's licence;
- Ability to work extended hours when required;
- Capacity for light domestic travel.

KEY INTERACTIONS:

INTERNAL:

- Managing Director
- Winemaking team
- Viticulture teams
- Sales & Marketing teams

EXTERNAL:

- Trade, media and public
- Clients & Distributors
- Suppliers & contractors
- Industry bodies & wine shows