

ABACELA VITICULTURE-ENOLOGY INTERNSHIP

Time frame: Jun - Nov 2017

Abacela is the 76 acre Oregon estate winery (www.abacela.com) that pioneered production of Tempranillo and Albariño as varietal wines in America. Over the last 21 years we utilized or estate's Fault Line Vineyard's many mesoclimes and soil types to carefully matched additional old world grapes not previously grown here to different microclimate-sites in our vineyards. These achievements have contributed greatly to Abacela being called "*the most interesting vineyard property in Oregon*". Many of these varieties are now also grown and produced by others widely across our region.

We specialize in grapes and wine styles indigenous to the Iberian Peninsula. The vines are managed sustainably with limited inputs and are hand harvested. Our vineyard season starts in mid winter with pruning, followed by bud break in spring, and throughout the summer the vines are nurtured and managed until harvest in the early Fall. This is an opportunity learn and experience the science and art of grape growing in a family owned and operated gravity flow estate winery that grows and harvests about 200 tons of fifteen different interesting grape varieties for the production of 12,000 cases (144,000, 750 ml bottles) of wine annually.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Soil moisture reading downloads, entered in computer and discussed with vineyard manager.
- Leaf Water Potential (Pressure bomb) data entered in computer and discussed with vineyard manager.
- Assist with vineyard scouting, monitoring and data collection
- Cluster counts, weights and crop load estimates
- Harvest sampling computer data input and analysis
- Harvest crew support to include picking, delivery of fruit to on premise winery, machine application and removal of bird netting
- Other duties may be assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Viticulture majors preferred but please note this in an integrated viticulture/winemaking internship
- Must be able to work mid-June to mid-November
- Tractor driving experience is good and experience operating large equipment a bonus.
- Must have a valid driver's license and clean DMV record
- Must be a team player, have a strong work ethic, and skills in spoken and written English
- Students whose primary language is not English must have good skills in English.
- Must be able to work long hours, up to 6 days a week, in different kinds of weather, etc

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Ability to listen, follow directions and then carry out the project accurately to completion
- Ability to walk distances, including steep hillsides
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Non smoker

Stipend is \$2000/month. Housing is not provided. Assistance provided international students in locating housing. Please send a cover letter and resume to resume@abacela.com