



The Australian Wine
Research Institute

POSITION DESCRIPTION

- Title of Position:** Senior Viticulturist
- Reporting to:** Group Manager – Industry Development and Support
- Overview:** The Senior Viticulturist contributes to the quality and integrity of Australian wine through dissemination of knowledge and information to grape and wine industry personnel.
- Qualifications:** A degree in viticulture or a related discipline, with a postgraduate qualification preferred.
- Experience:** At least five years' practical experience of grapegrowing and production practices.

Principal Accountabilities:

1. Play a key role in the delivery of the AWRI's viticulture capability, which is aimed at the dissemination of knowledge and information to the grape and wine sector. This may include, but is not limited to, technical support, extension, biosecurity, sustainability, and regulatory activities.
2. Conduct and manage viticultural extension and communication projects.
3. Develop material for, and participate in, seminars and other extension and communication activities.
4. Promptly respond to enquiries received through the AWRI helpdesk regarding viticultural practices, pest and disease control methodologies and regulatory matters.
5. Conduct helpdesk investigations into technical problems encountered by Australian grape and wine producers.
6. Provide advice and direction to the grape production sector as required and contribute to the AWRI's response to specific grape or wine sector emergencies as they arise.
7. Advise on, and contribute to, viticultural activities throughout the AWRI.
8. Undertake and manage commercial projects as required and meet financial objectives.
9. Organise and supervise ancillary staff contracted to provide specialist training and extension services to the grape production sector.

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10. Participate in collaborative projects involving industry and other research organisations as directed by the Group Manager – Industry Development and Support.
11. Undertake other duties as directed by Group Manager – Industry Development and Support or the Managing Director.
12. Accept that all intellectual property, patents and discovery arising during the course of employment at the AWRI remain the property of the AWRI.
13. Promote the general wellbeing of the AWRI by ensuring that all contact with clients, staff or the public is performed in a professional and confidential manner.

Person Specification:

1. Practical understanding of and experience in viticulture, preferably in a scientific or technical capacity.
2. Ability to work and communicate successfully within a multidisciplinary environment and across research and industry groups.
3. Ability to maintain effective working relationships and contribute positively in a team environment.
4. Superior oral and written communication skills.
5. Willingness and ability to travel regularly.

Workplace Health and Safety Responsibilities:

Employees and students must take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety, and have responsibilities to:

1. Ensure that they do not increase the risk to the health, safety or welfare of others through any act or omission.
2. Obey reasonable instructions that are designed to protect their health, safety and welfare.
3. Use, in the appropriate manner, equipment that is provided to protect their health, safety or welfare.
4. Not wilfully interfere with, or misuse, items or facilities provided in the interest of health, safety or welfare of employees.
5. Ensure that they are not affected by alcohol or any other drug to such an extent that they endanger themselves or others.
6. Report promptly, any hazards, incidents or injuries to their Manager/Team Leader.