



The Australian Wine
Research Institute

POSITION DESCRIPTION

- Title of Position:** Technical Officer – Viticulture
- Reporting to:** Senior Viticulturist
- Overview:** The Technical Officer – Viticulture provides technical support for viticulture projects and facilitates the transfer of information to improve wine-grape production quality and cost effectiveness in Australia.
- Qualifications:** A degree in viticulture or a related discipline.
- Experience:** At least two years' practical experience in grapegrowing and production practices is required. Experience with pest and disease management in viticulture is desirable.

Principal Accountabilities:

1. Participate in viticultural extension and communication projects, which are aimed at the dissemination of knowledge and information to the grape and wine sector.
2. Promptly respond to enquiries received through the AWRI helpdesk regarding viticultural practices, pest and disease control methodologies and regulatory matters.
3. Assist in the collection and maintenance and dissemination of information on agrochemicals through the *Agrochemicals Registered for use in Australian Viticulture* booklet, and associated online tools, the preparation of technical publications, and liaising with industry personnel.
4. Accept that all intellectual property, patents and discovery arising during the course of employment at the AWRI remain the property of the AWRI.
5. Undertake other duties as directed by the Managing Director or Group Manager – Industry Development and Support.
6. Promote the general well-being of the AWRI by ensuring that all contact with clients, staff or the public is performed in a professional and confidential manner.

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Person Specification:

1. Practical understanding of and experience in viticulture
2. Ability to work and communicate successfully within a multidisciplinary environment and with industry personnel.
3. Ability to maintain effective working relationships and contribute positively in a team environment.
4. Ability to manage and interpret data and high-level skills using the Microsoft Office suite.
5. Superior oral and written communication skills.
6. High-level computer knowledge and the ability to learn different software.
7. Willingness and ability to travel.

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.