

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title of position: Technical Officer

Reporting to: Team Leader – Engagement and Sustainability

Overview:

The Technical Officer contributes to the quality and integrity of Australian wine through provision of technical support to grape and wine industry personnel.

Qualifications:

A degree in viticulture and oenology.

Experience:

At least three years of practical industry experience of grapegrowing and winery production practices.

Principal accountabilities:

1. Respond promptly to enquiries received through the AWRI helpdesk.
2. Conduct investigations, possibly including small-scale research projects, into technical problems encountered by Australian winegrape producers.
3. Contributes to the collation and extension of information on the responsible use of agrochemicals.
4. Support content development for extension and communications.
5. Support the development and delivery of AWRI courses and programs.
6. Participate in collaborative projects involving industry and other research organisations.
7. Contribute to viticulture and oenology activities throughout the AWRI.
8. Undertake other duties as directed by the Group Manager – Industry Development and Support or the Managing Director.
9. Accept that all intellectual property, patents and discovery arising during the course of employment at the AWRI remain the property of the AWRI.
10. 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

Person Specification:

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

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.