Vineyard Manager/Viticulturist

Apical Texas

Brownfield, TX

Apical Texas is a consulting and vineyard management company based in Brownfield, Texas. We specialize in operational and technical expertise, which allows us to provide industry-leading vineyard support. Our mission is to develop and deliver the future to our clients. We put the vines first in everything we do and continually innovate and adapt to deliver the best vineyard services in Texas. We are passionate practitioners, who are hyper-focused on timely action and consistent execution. We grind. We grow. We are relentless. We Heed The Vine.

Position Summary:

The Vineyard Manager/Viticulturist will direct and coordinate daily farming activities for high quality vineyards that provide fruit for exceptional Texas wines. They will successfully execute specialized management and growing techniques in the areas of pruning, irrigation management, weed control, chemical applications, disease and pest control, cultivation, canopy management, crop estimation, harvest, safety, and compliance.

Essential Job Duties:

• First and foremost, develops and farms the highest quality vineyards and fruit in Texas.
• Maintains highly effective communications and working relationships with the Vineyard Management Team and Clients to develop plans and forecast immediate and future needs.
• Effectively trains, develops and manages a team of skilled vineyard employees to direct day-to-day farming activities.
• Plans the efficient deployment and use of equipment and personnel for company employees, Farm Labor Contractor employees, and any other contractors.
• Manages pest control activities, internal field scouting program, work orders, and use reports.
• Orders, inventories, and distributes chemicals and fertilizers; oversees precision of chemical and fertilizer applications.
• Ensures timely and accurate data collection to assemble and update crop estimation.
• Manages the collection and dissemination of all soil, water, and tissue data.
• Understands and executes company sustainability programs and assigned special projects.
• Actively supports company programs and communications, marketing initiatives and community outreach.

**Background/Experience:**

• Degree in Viticulture or related, relevant field is required.
• Must possess significant prior farming experience including winegrowing expertise.
• Demonstrates effective communication skills, ability to build positive business relationships at all levels of the company; has strong computer and systems savvy.
• Chemical experience and proficiency in Spanish are highly desirable.
• This position requires excellent planning and organizational skills as well as the ability and willingness to work as a team player.
• Must be a strong, positive people manager.

**Employment Conditions and Requirements:**

Must frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. The employee is frequently exposed extreme weather and to wet and/or humid conditions, moving mechanical parts, fumes or airborne particles, and toxic or caustic chemicals and must be able to use proper Personal Protective Equipment. Position requires ability to operate appropriate vineyard vehicles. Employee must possess a current, valid Texas Driver’s License. May need to work Saturdays and/or non-traditional hours during peak business times.

**Contact Information:**

Please submit a cover letter and resume for consideration to daniel.pate@apicaltexas.com.