



Perissos Vineyard and Winery is seeking an **Assistant Winemaker**.

We are located in Burnet, Texas, approximately 55 miles northwest of Austin, Texas. Our beautiful estate property is nestled within Hoover's Valley, in the Texas Hill Country AVA. We chose this location within the Llano Uplift because of its unique soil composition; decomposed granite gravel. At Perissos, we live by a "farming first," mentality, meaning, we believe wine is primarily made in the vineyard. We planted our first vines on the property in 2005, and the tasting room officially opened in 2009. All of Perissos' wines are made from 100% Texas grown fruit, the vast majority of which is homegrown on our 18-acre estate vineyard. We also partner with other select Texas growers to enhance both the diversity and quantity of our wine portfolio. The result — award-winning, handcrafted wines that beautifully express the unique characteristics of the Texas terroir.

POSITION SUMMARY

Our Assistant Winemaker reports directly to the winemaker and is a key position in our winemaking team. Duties will include all aspects of the winery, lab, warehouse and vineyard, and oversight of overall wine quality and procedures throughout the winery. Perform laboratory tasks under supervision of winemaker. Assist with the operation and supervision of the bottling line, crush pad operations, cellaring, and vineyard. Being flexible and adaptive to the changing priorities of management is essential. This full-time position will require a dynamic individual who is willing to learn the Texas wine business from the ground up. This person will be trained in all aspects of the business; while previous winery/vineyard experience is preferred, it is certainly not required. **We are willing to train the right person who possesses the right attitude.** This position has the opportunity for internal advancement and promotion. Compensation is commensurate with experience and education.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Winemaking and Laboratory Functions
 - Work closely with the winemaker on wine portfolio management and daily operations
- Assist in all lab analysis of juice, must, and wine
- Help coordinate daily wine movement work orders
- Prepare yeast inoculates
- Assist with all fermentation and winemaking procedures in the winery
 - Weigh and sort grapes before crush and assist with crushing and pressing
 - Conduct daily pumpovers; document and communicate daily progress of all fermentations
 - Assist with transferring, racking, filtering, fining, finishing, and bottling of wines
- Clean and sanitize winemaking equipment: tanks, pumps, hoses, filters, etc.
- Oversight of winery safety protocols and procedures for all winery staff
- Assist in vineyard activities: pruning, leaf pulling, cane tying, shoot positioning, harvesting, irrigation repair, mowing, etc
- Assist with special events and harvest duties as needed
- Perform other duties as required including assisting other departments as needed

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

- High School Diploma; a degree, professional certificate or some completed coursework in Viticulture, Enology or Horticulture is preferred
- Ability to operate a personal computer; proficiency in Excel and Word
- Comprehensive familiarity of standard winery/vineyard equipment and operations
- Flexible scheduling required; working weekends is required along with frequent overtime
- Valid driver's license and means of personal transportation
- Ability to operate a tractor and forklift; or at least the willingness to learn
- Ability to carry out detailed or oral instructions
- Perform frequent manual labor tasks, including lifting, bending, climbing, and other physical activities; must be able to lift and carry 50lbs frequently
- Strong work ethic combined with a positive attitude with the ability to work well independently as well as with a team

All interested and qualified applicants please contact Brent Pape (Winemaker & Viticulturist):
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