



Vintage Winemaker – Kent, England, UK

About Defined Wine

Defined Wine Ltd is a 120-tonne contract-only winemaking facility based at Highland Court Farm, near Canterbury, Kent (CT4 5HL), England - offering full production and packaging services for small-batch, sparkling and still wines, for a wide range or diverse clients.

Full focus on client support and working with them to define their desired style of wine.

Role Details

The role involves:

- Client liaison;
- Decision-making;
- Hands-on cellar operations;
- Oversight of day-to-day winemaking operations;
- Leading and management of the winery team;
- Management of winery records and administration.

Interfaces

Internal

- Consultant Winemaker;
- Founder & CEO.

External

- Contract Clients;
- Trades & Maintenance people;
- Suppliers.

Key Duties:

- Consultant winemaker liaison;
- Hands-on, day-to-day management of all cellar operations;
- Contract client liaison;
- Winery record management and administration;
- Stock Management;
- OH&S compliance and the champion of a safe company culture;
- Collaboration with other streams of the business.

Other Duties may include:

- Assisting site/property staff if required;
- Driving – deliveries, vineyard/client visits;
- External company representation – shows, marketing etc.

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Key qualifications, experience and competencies

- At least 5 years demonstrable, practical experience in cellar and winemaking operations – ideally with a sparkling winemaking focus (pressing; filtration and preparation of wines for tirage and disgorgement);
- Some demonstrable, practical experience in winery organisation and management;
- Tertiary qualification in winemaking preferred;
- Computer skills to manage winery records, stock control and all winemaking administration;
- Leadership – the ability to confidently lead by example;
- Management – the ability to identify key issues, set priorities and provide clear direction to staff and stakeholders;
- Relationship Building – the ability to develop constructive and friendly relationships with clients, suppliers and other members of the team;
- Communication – ability to effectively communicate (written and verbal) with clients; and through all levels of the company;
- Decision Making – able to make appropriate and timely decisions;
- Team Work – able to work effectively with others to accomplish goals and resolve problems.

Physical and other requirements

- Eligibility to work in the UK (minimum 3 months);
- Regular physical labour;
- Drivers licence;
- Proficiency certificate for forklift operation;
- Pre-employment medical required;
- Seasonal extended working hours – Vintage etc.