

SILVER THREAD

VINEYARD



SILVER THREAD SEEKS ASSISTANT VINEYARD MANAGER/ASSISTANT WINEMAKER

Silver Thread, a boutique Seneca Lake vineyard and winery, is seeking to hire an important member for our team. Those interested in being part of a critically-acclaimed operation that is focused on organic and sustainable practices are encouraged to apply. Candidates should forward resume and statement of interest to Shannon Brock, Silver Thread Vineyard, 1401 Caywood Rd., Lodi, NY 14860 or info@silverthreadwine.com. Questions should also be forwarded to this e-mail address.

Job Title: Assistant Vineyard Manager/Assistant Winemaker

Hours: full-time, year-round position with overtime expected during harvest

Wages: commensurate with experience and education, above industry average

Benefits: Paid time off, health insurance, retirement contribution

Start Date: February 2025

Job Description:

The Assistant Vineyard Manager/Assistant Winemaker will work under the supervision of the Winemaker/Vineyard Manager to care for the 10-acre vineyard and assist with wine production. Job duties include:

- pruning and tying
- shoot thinning, leaf pulling, shoot positioning, trellis management
- weeding, mowing, cover crop management
- sampling for nutrient levels and grape maturity
- integrated pest management—scouting, making recommendations and pesticide application
- keeping detailed vineyard and winery records
- hand-harvesting of estate vineyard
- operate and maintain tractor and other farm equipment
- perform cellar operations including wine transfers, filtration, additions, winery sanitation, etc.
- perform laboratory analysis as needed in the winery
- other farm and wine production duties as needed
- provide wine sales and marketing support on a limited basis when needed

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will possess the following attributes:

- 2 or more years experience in vineyard and winery operations
- 2 or more years formal education or training in viticulture and enology
- NYS DEC Private Pesticide Applicator certification preferred
- experience operating farm equipment and towing
- ability to lift 50 lbs. repeatedly
- flexible schedule with ability to work on weekends during critical times
- willingness to learn new equipment and techniques
- ability to work unsupervised
- follows winery protocol while taking initiative to suggest alternative practices