

Career Opportunity at Distinguished Vineyards and Wine Partners:

Winemaker, Dough Wines

We have an exciting opportunity for a Winemaker to join the Distinguished Vineyards & Wine Partners (DVWP) team, who will demonstrate exquisite winemaking skills that focuses on our premium wine portfolio that includes luxury brands such as Markham, Argyle, MacRostie, Textbook, and Dough. This role is based in Healdsburg, California and operates in conjunction with MacRostie Winery.

Formed in 2008, Distinguished Vineyards and Wine Partners represents a collection of iconic wineries from some of the world's most prestigious wine regions. Recognized as benchmarks for their regions, our domestic portfolio includes the highly acclaimed Argyle Winery in Oregon's Willamette Valley, MacRostie Winery and Vineyards in Sonoma, and Markham Vineyards in Napa Valley. Our core purpose is to enrich our world by championing sociability and helping people to live well. Ever evolving, while remaining true to our roots, DVWP offers an unparalleled work environment with opportunities for professional and personal growth that include:

- **Our Culture** - We live by our leadership principles of doing the right thing, for the long term, being first with consumers to win customers, thinking beyond, innovate, and adapt, deciding fast and making it happen, and welcoming differences and standing for fairness.
- **Our Benefits** - DVWP has an amazing benefits package that includes 401K with matching, medical/dental/vision plan, PTO, community/employee engagement including wellness program, wine stipend, education reimbursement and more!
- **Our Community** - We at DVWP believe in giving back and being accountable when it comes to social responsibility. That is why we have committed to our employees and their families and partner with community organizations to continue to uphold these values.

Working as a key member of the production team, this role will work alongside the MacRostie Winemaking team with focus on the production of and marketing brand ambassador for Dough Wines. This role will also be key support for MacRostie Winemaking on the day to day and support for other premium DVWP brands specifically in the Bulk Wine space. This full-time, exempt position reports directly to the Director of Winemaking.

The successful candidate will have a proven track record of acting as a negotiant to procure wine to create blends and supplement wine programs. It is essential to have intimate knowledge of the bulk wine market and a strong network. This candidate must also have specific expertise in procuring samples, strong sensory and quality assessment skills, along with being experienced in directing cellar operations, lab analysis, QA/QC, database management, assembling blends and overseeing bottling. Also working with DOWM and Supply Chain Management, and this candidate will have proficient knowledge of budget creation and management. Proficient technical skills in VinTrace, MS Office applications, and Excel are required.

Key responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Procurement and processing of Dough Wines
- Ensure Dough wines are made and stored to winemaking specifications, SOPs executed, and Work Orders written per winemaking direction, using VinTrace Software
- Maintain production calendar for Dough. Assemble blends, coordinate supplies, secure and supervise bottling per QA/QC specifications in coordination with Supply Chain Manager and Director of Winemaking
- Support MacRostie Winemaking where needed, especially during harvest, bottling and other busy times
- Maintain current review and ongoing assessment of bulk wine market (pricing and availability) to best optimize portfolio needs across varietals and regions. Manage samples, assess wines, organize tastings, provide recommendations and lead procurement negotiations as directed
- Support overhead and operating costs within budget. Put together financial and monthly premises reports for the accounting department
- Attend all keggings meetings, understand keggings process and needs across DVWP business. Maintain SOP on keggings and act as resource for all DVWP brands. Execute logistics on MacRostie, Dough, Wither Hills and any other brands other than Argyle and Markham
- Act as Dough Wines brand representative in DTC and WS marketing and PR events as appropriate

We are looking for qualified candidates who hold a degree from an accredited college or university in Oenology or related science field, with minimum of 5 years' wine industry experience working in the capacity as an assistant winemaker, production assistant, or enologist. 5+ years' experience in a leadership role is also required with experience in budget creation and management, bulk wine experience and experience working with 3rd party production facilities.

To be considered for this opportunity please complete an application on our parent company site (*Lion Little World Beverages*) providing resume **without gaps** and cover letter. Writing "See Resume" will not be considered a complete application and will be disqualified. *Dough Wines is a Distinguished Vineyards and Wine partner and if applying for this position, you will be reached out to by a MacRostie or DVWP representative. All applications are kept confidential, and we are an equal opportunity employer encouraging all to apply.*