



Position Description: Group Premium Winemaker

Accolade Wines is the world's leading provider of New World premium, commercial and value wines – our Hardys brand is the most powerful Australian wine brand in the world! We sell our wines in over 100 countries and have more than 1,600 dedicated employees in Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Europe, Asia, North America and South Africa and ... we make some of the world's best known brands!

Reporting to the Group Chief Winemaker the Group Premium Winemaker will manage the premium red and white wine portfolio (Grades 1 – 5). They will provide overall direction for efficient, effective performance of all winemaking processes. This includes wine sourcing, technology, winemaking and grape resources.

Duties and Responsibilities – You will:

- Oversee red and white wine production across grades 1 to 5;
- Manage red and white wine allocations, blending and inventory (bulk and packaged) to maximize quality, value and financial return;
- Work with the Viticulture team, developing and effectively utilising a fruit resource of appropriate size and quality;
- Have active input into wine style to meet market expectations through competitor tasting and discussion;
- Facilitate NPD and actively seek new wine styles and market opportunities;
- Pursue, communicate and implement new winemaking developments to improve quality and/or lower costs;
- Oversee oak planning and its efficient usage;
- Provide technical input into winery development and capital projects;
- Mentor the winemaking team across Australia;
- Provide monthly reports to the Group Chief Winemaker on supply & demand balance and quality;
- Promote Accolade Wines' products in the market;
- Coordinate wine show entries and strategy with the winemaking team;
- Undertake relevant projects as directed by the Chief Winemaker;
- Lead by example.

Skills and Qualifications:

- At least 15 years' senior winemaking experience in large and small wineries across multiple regions and varieties;
- University degree in Wine Science;
- Demonstrated ability to judge all wine styles – red, white, sparkling and fortified;
- Wine show judge with panel chair experience;
- Drivers licence.

Competencies:

- Strong, clear communication;
- Clear strategic thinking;
- Empathy for, and understanding of, luxury brands;
- Constructive, effective leadership style;
- An eye for operational efficiency.

Interfaces:

- External:
 - Growers;
 - AWRI and other technical institutions;
 - Suppliers;
 - Retailers;
 - Media.
- Internal:
 - Viticulture & winemaking teams;
 - Sales & global marketing teams;
 - Supply Chain – logistics and packaging;
 - Supply & operations personnel (S&OP);
 - Global Demand Controller;
 - Finance team;
 - Group Winemaking.

To Apply:

Please email your application to:

admin@winenet.com.au

Deadline for applications:

21ST July 2018