Chief Viticulturalist

The Organisation

Our client is based in the Sunraysia region. They own and operate several wine grape vineyards in the area with strong growth plans for the future. With approximately 2,500 hectares of productive area the business produces 20% of fruit in the area annually and over 5% of Australia's annual crush. They work with some of the largest wine companies both locally and globally.

The Role

Reporting to the General Manager, the Chief Viticulturalist is responsible for the overall management of the vineyard operation to achieve maximum sustainable production and profitability whist striving to achieve continual increase in the financial performance across all units. This role will plan and maintain the systems and procedures for operational efficiency.

Additional responsibilities include:

• Develop, implement and execute strategic plans.

• Provide operational, technical and management support across the vineyard business units.

• Drive an efficient effective, best practice, continuous improvement approach to all production activities.

• Ensure ongoing certification of all Risk Management Systems.

• Manage and lead annual OPEX and CAPEX budgeting with Vineyard Managers.

• Work with Managers to adapt to seasonal and market changes to ensure yields are optimised.

The Requirements

Experience in a comparable Viticultural Management position with responsibility for financial management and accountability, is required. Excellent leadership and people management skills will be critical in your successful execution of the role.

The successful candidate will also demonstrate experience in compliance and implementing and aligning systems and procedures. Tertiary qualifications in Viticulture, business or a related discipline are required.

To Apply

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