

Oakdale Ranch

Intern – Viticulture Position Description

Oakdale Ranch is a 6 ½ acre diversified small farming operation in the Knights Ferry area of Stanislaus County. We are offering an internship opportunity for college students who are interested in learning about farm planning, farm management and establishing a production organic viticulture area. The internship is available during a school term, while student is enrolled in agricultural or related studies. The intern will report directly to the owners of the farm.

The Oakdale Ranch internship program is a hands-on, work experience focused on operating a small farm. The intern will have the opportunity to learn viticulture planning, management and irrigation management. The intern will be involved with farm area maintenance and general farm equipment maintenance and repair. There will also be opportunities for the Intern to help develop and implement farm record keeping and practices for viticulture operations. There will be an opportunity for intern to learn how to utilize a drone for farming optimization applications.

Intern Duties and Responsibilities

- Utilize farm equipment
- Perform maintenance and refueling of farm equipment
- Perform farm maintenance tasks, such as fence repairs, tree trimming and weed abatement
- Responsible for irrigation tasks
- Help with planning and establishing an organic viticulture area

Learn Equipment Maintenance

- Work with owner on farm equipment repairs
- Assist owner on farm equipment maintenance
- Install and Maintain irrigation systems
- Keep irrigation records

Learn Farming Operations and Management

- General overview of farming and viticulture practices
- Assist with the planting and establishment of a viticulture area
- Assist with irrigation system installation watering schedule, fertilizing and weed abatement
- Be willing and able to learn new skills and help with various farming practices

Learn Drone Utilization for Farming Optimization

- General overview of drone utilization for farming and viticulture practices
- Be willing and able to learn new skills and help develop drone utilization techniques

Minimum Qualifications

- College student earning a degree in agriculture or related field
- Prior experience with basic viticulture farming practices and equipment operation desired but not required
- Willingness to learn
- Valid Driver's license with clean record
- Legal right to work in United States
- Be able to lift up to 30 lbs when required
- Be able to stand and walk 75% of the day
- Speak and understand Spanish is preferred but not required