



Vineyard Tractor Operative Petworth, West Sussex Job Role & Responsibilities

Roebuck Estates owns and manages a collection of vineyard sites in exceptional locations across Sussex. We are a rapidly expanding company committed to producing high-quality English sparkling wines. Our dedication and passion for creating the very best wine starts in the vineyard and is given to every stage in the wine production process. Our award-winning wines have recently picked up several prestigious trophies in a variety of awards.

The operative will work closely with the management team and in-house vineyard teams.

Vineyard Tractor Operative job description:

The role demands that the successful candidate be flexible in their working hours throughout busy periods, especially during the viticultural growing season (at times this will include weekend work). A can-do attitude and proactive mindset are also crucial.

This is a full-time role with an immediate start.

Duties would include:

- All tractor operations e.g., spraying, mowing, under vine cultivating, trimming and leaf stripping and other mechanical work as business needs dictate.
- Management, maintenance and communication of all Standard Operating Procedures for machinery operations.
- Maintenance and upkeep of mechanical equipment.
- Maintain, update and adherence to all Health & Safety practices.
- Maintain and update all COSHH records.
- Based in West Sussex but may be required to work in East Sussex and Kent when required.
- Assist with viticultural work, in and around the vineyard sites.

Preferred qualifications and skills include:

- Experience of farming, viticulture, or horticultural environments
- Must have at least 5 years tractor driving with ideally PA1, PA2, PA3 and PA6 spray tickets.
- Chainsaw ticket (preferred but not essential)
- Excellent mechanical knowledge
- A valid UK driving licence
- Full eligibility to work in the UK
- Organised and proactive

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- Hard working with a “can do” attitude.
- Good communication skills and accuracy in record keeping
- Forklift user qualification (preferred but not essential)

Compensation & Benefits:

- £28,000 - £30,000 p.a
- Generous holiday allowances
- Private Healthcare (optional)
- Work mileage compensated (excluding commute)
- Discretionary bonus scheme

ABOUT ROEBUCK ESTATES

Located near Petworth in West Sussex, Roebuck Estates was founded by Michael Smith and John Ball, whose belief in the potential of the English wine industry sparked several years spent searching for and acquiring the perfect vineyard sites. Today, the Company owns and manages multiple vineyards throughout Sussex and produces award-winning English sparkling wines which are sold in the UK and distributed globally. Roebuck Estates maintains its focus on crafting traditional method sparkling wines from the classic Champenoise varietals: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.

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