

Harvest 2026 - Seasonal Winemaker (freelance, fixed-term)

Company: Enologie.wine

Location: Multiple wineries across England, mostly between East Sussex and Kent (accommodation provided during harvest period, if required)

Contract: Fixed-term (1 September – 30 November 2026), subject to change

Salary: £3,000 per month

About the Role

Enologie.wine is seeking an experienced, practical, and highly capable Harvest Winemaker to support the 2026 vintage across a number of winery sites in England.

This is a hands-on production role at the heart of harvest. You will take ownership of key winemaking tasks and decisions, actively managing daily cellar operations while working independently or alongside small teams. You will ensure that grape and wine quality is prioritised, and that operations run efficiently across multiple sites.

Key Responsibilities

- Manage day-to-day harvest operations from fruit intake through to fermentation
- Oversee pressing, juice handling, tank allocations, and cellar organisation
- Monitor and manage fermentations (density, temperature, additions, progress tracking)
- Perform routine lab work (Oeschle/Brix, TA, pH, etc.)
- Execute pump-overs, rackings, transfers, and other cellar operations
- Keep clear and accurate records of all work carried out
- Coordinating workflow during daily operations
- Lead and supervise cellar hands, providing guidance, instruction, and support to ensure operations run smoothly and quality standards are met
- Make independent decisions where necessary and appropriate to maintain wine quality
- Step into different winery environments and quickly adapt to systems and workflows
- Maintain high standards of cleanliness, organisation, quality, food safety, people health, safety, and environmental standards according to client policies and SOPs

Requirements

- Minimum 5 harvests' experience, including time as Assistant Winemaker or Head Winemaker
- Strong working knowledge of harvest operations and winery machinery
- Confident to manage cellar operations and monitor fermentations independently
- Experience handling winery chemicals and implementing sanitation protocols
- Excellent attention to detail and a reliable technical palate
- Laboratory analysis experience (training can be provided if required)
- Valid forklift certification with a minimum of two years' driving experience
- Physically fit; able to carry 2 x 10 kg buckets for 30 meters and lift 25 kg bags to shoulder height occasionally; no history of back injuries



- Comfortable working at heights, in wet conditions, and in confined spaces
- Mechanically minded, with the ability to troubleshoot and undertake basic repairs
- Fluent in English
- Full, clean driving licence (essential) and possession/access to a vehicle
- Comfortable moving between multiple sites and adapting to different setups
- Available between 1 September – 30 November 2026 (subject to change based on the season)
- Must be fully available throughout the harvest period, flexible to work long and irregular hours, including late evenings, weekends, and bank holidays, if required. Willing and able to do what it takes to meet harvest demands, prioritising grape and wine quality above all else

Personal Attributes

- Practical, hands-on, and solutions-focused
- Adaptable and quick to settle into new working environments
- Strong work ethic and willing to work long, physical hours
- Calm under pressure during peak harvest periods
- Strong leadership and team management skills; able to guide, support, and motivate cellar hands effectively
- Team player who can also take initiative when working independently
- Attentive to detail and committed to producing high-quality wine
- Positive attitude with a “can do” approach
- Good sense of humour

What We Offer

- A varied, hands-on harvest across multiple English wineries
- Exposure to different setups, fruit sources, and winemaking approaches
- Local accommodation provided during harvest, if required
- Fuel costs covered when travelling to, from and between sites

How to Apply

Please send your CV along with a brief statement outlining your motivations and relevant experience to:

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Subject line: *Harvest Winemaker Application 2026*

