

Job Title: Sustainable Winegrowing Director **Job Availability:** January 1, 2010

Job Location: Lodi Winegrape Commission, Lodi, California

About Lodi Winegrape Commission: In 1991 local winegrape growers voted to fund the Lodi Winegrape Commission to represent their common interest in marketing, education, and research activities. The Commission currently represents approximately 750 growers farming 100,000 acres of winegrapes. The Commission's activities include an extensive marketing campaign, managing the Lodi Wine & Visitor Center, as well as a collaborative vintner/grower effort entitled "Lodi Wine Country," and coordinating the Knights of the Vine wine appreciation club. The job described in this announcement is to direct the Commission's internationally recognized Sustainable Winegrowing Program.

Job Description: Successful applicant will: 1) Direct the Commission's Grower Education Program consisting of meetings, workshops and field days as well as maintaining website content and writing a bi-monthly grower newsletter; 2) Oversee the Commission's Research Program and providing staff support for the 14 member Research Committee; 3) Direct the Lodi Rules for Sustainable Winegrowing certification program focusing on expanding the number of grower and winery participants as well as providing guidance for current and new program participants; 4) Organize and carry out Lodi Winegrower's Workbook workshops with growers where they will complete a self-assessment workbook on sustainable vineyard practices; 5) Assist growers in developing and implementing vineyard action plans based on the self-assessment; 6) Apply for grants to help support the program; 7) Maintain LWC's demonstration vineyard; 8) Represent LWC in wine industry events within and outside California.

Qualifications: A minimum of Bachelor of Sciences degree, with an emphasis in ecological sciences, a graduate degree is desirable but not required. Other desired qualifications: training and/or experience in viticulture; training and/or experience in integrated pest management; training and/or experience in database development and management as well as word-processing and desktop publishing software; experience in working with growers; demonstrated grant writing skills; demonstrated writing and public speaking skills. Successful applicant should possess excellent inter-personal skills as the job entails day-to-day interaction with winegrape growers and pest control advisors.

Salary: Commensurate with training and experience

How to Apply: Send a resume, letter describing your interest in the position, and names and contact information for 3 references by **October 15, 2009** to:

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