

# Internship & Work Experience in the USA!

Enology and Viticulture  
J-1 Exchange Visitor Program



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- Who:**
- Students of viticulture/enology programs w/one vintage experience
  - Graduates of viticulture/enology programs with at least one vintage experience
  - Wine professionals with at least five years experience in the wine industry.

**Where:** Washington, Oregon and California.  
*Please see reverse for description of wine regions on the west coast.*

**When:** Begin Aug./Sept. and work until vintage ends in Oct./Nov./Dec. (depending on location). A few 6 month or one-year placements may be available.

**What:** An outstanding experience working in one of the world's best winemaking regions. Washington, Oregon and California wineries and winemakers are recognized internationally for their award winning wines. Placements vary from cellar work, crush, vineyard, lab and occasionally marketing. Hourly wage of \$10 to \$16. Housing may be provided.



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**Washington:** Washington State is among the leaders in sustainable viticulture techniques in the world and the second largest producer in the US. The majority (99%) of wine grape production takes place in the desert-like eastern half of the state. Viticulture in the state is also influenced by long sunlight hours (on average, two more hours a day than in California during the growing season) and consistent temperatures. With over 740 wineries, 350 vineyards, producing more than 30 varietals, 54% white and 46% red, Washington State wineries and vineyards offer great training and exposure to world class wines. Production focuses on Rieslings, Chardonnays, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris and many others.

<http://www.washingtonwine.org/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington\\_wine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_wine)

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**Oregon:** Oregon is a place where winemakers are stewards of the land; where quality reigns, sustainability is a lifestyle and where artisan producers believe that careful attention to detail and delicate nurturing produce incredible wines. In just 40 years Oregon has evolved into a world-class wine growing state with 15 approved winegrowing regions, and more than 300 wineries producing wine from 72 grape varieties. Oregon will always be a place where small, handcrafted wines reign, where collaboration and community are key, and where the growers and winemakers are never far away from the tasting room. Varieties include Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Merlot, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah among others.

<http://oregonwine.org/Home/>

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**California:** California's wonderful year-round weather is as good for our wine as it is for visitors. Abundant sunshine ensures a consistent and long grape growing season, while the diversity of terroir supports a multitude of wine grape varieties and surprising flavor variation within them. California's 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) of rugged coastline expose nearby vineyards to natural "air conditioning" in the form of fog and breezes, making for exceptional Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and other cool climate varieties. California has over 427,000 acres (1,730 km<sup>2</sup>) planted under vines. The Central Valley is California's largest wine region stretching for 300 miles (480 km) from the Sacramento Valley south to the San Joaquin Valley. This one region produces nearly 75% of all California wine.

<http://www.discovercaliforniawines.com/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California\\_wine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_wine)