

Training in Oenology | Viticulture | Wine Distribution

CIEE INTERNSHIP USA & PROFESSIONAL CAREER TRAINING USA

For students and professionals pursuing training in oenology, viticulture, and wine distribution, internships at vineyards and with wine distribution companies can provide valuable professional experience while offering insight into American oenology theories and business practices. You will learn about cultural differences in vineyard management and in wine sales while advancing your professional network and career options for your return to your home country. Due to variable training environments and inherent responsibilities with internships in oenology and wine distribution, CIEE would like to share our guidelines with you for acceptable training programs.

OENOLOGY, VITICULTURE, & WINE DISTRIBUTION INTERNSHIPS

Training tasks that **CIEE can accept**:

- Learn about harvesting calendars
- Learn about fermentation management
- Understand blending
- Study health and sanitation standards
- Learn how to do laboratory analyses and quality control
- Advanced business training that supports marketing, finance, and inventory management in the wine distribution industry

Training tasks that CIEE **can accept if the tasks comprise less than 20% of the overall training**:

- Pruning vines
- Harvesting
- Participation in wine tastings /samplings
- Receiving and weighing grapes
- De-stemming and sorting grapes
- Watering and irrigation
- Cleaning tanks/barrels
- Retail tasks, such as operating a cash register, assisting customers, conducting in-store demos, labeling merchandise, etc.

TRAINEE PROGRAM LENGTH

Intern and Trainees are limited to 12 months of training. However, a Trainee may apply for an 18-month program as long as six months of the program are spent in related, non-credited classroom work.

