

Gergana Swallow

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Work Experience:

April 2009 - Current. **Sonoma Beverage Company**, Healdsburg, CA.

QA Department Supervisor. Overseeing lab and blending. Developed HACCP plan, GMP plan and operational procedures for the plant. Trained production staff in safety, MSDS and GPM/HACCP. Responsible for coordinating and releasing product to customers.

July 2008 – April 2009. **Oak Ridge Winery**, Lodi, CA.

Assistant Winemaker. Participating in blending and tasting, writing work orders for production, shipping, receiving and bottling, overseeing the lab, monthly 702 reporting to TTB, and day to day communication with custom crush clients.

July 2007 – July 2008. **B.R. Cohn Winery**, Glen Ellen, CA.

Enologist. Helping the winemakers with their needs in the vineyards and current production. Running the lab. Maintaining the wine records. Wide spectrum of fun.

July 2005 – Dec. 2006. **Simi Winery**, Healdsburg, CA.

Lab Technician. Perform all analysis associated with production from crush through bottling. Perform routine analysis on grapes, juice and wine. Prepare analytical solutions and calibrate equipment.

Nov. 2004 – July 2005. **D'Argenzio Winery**, Santa Rosa, CA.

Cellar Master/Assistant Winemaker/Assistant Administration. Organized and maintained cellar operations. Lab work (basic analysis, interpreting and implementation of lab results). Coordinated bench trials and tastings. Participated in wine making decisions. Maintenance of barrels, tanks, and equipment. Participated in label preparation (TTB approval), and bottling operations, and inventory.

June 2004 – Oct. 2004. **Domain Boyar Winery**. Shumen, Bulgaria.

Internship - Winemaking Department. During my Bachelor Degree internship I had the opportunity to work directly with the winemaker's team. I guided wine tours of the facility and led tasting of our wine in Bulgarian, French and English as well.

Aug. 2003 – Dec. 2003. **Chalk Hill Winery**. Healdsburg, CA.

Internship – Cellar. During my full time trainee position I practiced the following skills: stirring barrels, pressing, emptying red fermenters, additions, topping barrels, crushing, de-stemming, red pump-over, lees filtration, racking wine out of barrels, laboratory analysis, juice racking, sanitizing tanks, and barreling juice.

July 2002 – Sept. 2002. **Targovishte Winery**. Targovishte, Bulgaria.

Internship - Bottling Line. I was assigned there during my summer vacation from school. Full time position as a bottling process operator.

Feb. 2002 – April 2002. **Agriculture University Vineyards**. Brestnik, Bulgaria.

Internship – Vineyards. I worked in the experimental field of the Agriculture University as a vineyard worker.



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Education:

2005 – 2008. University of Food Technologies. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Masters Degree, Technology of the Beverages (Wine and Spirits) (GPA 3.5)

The graduation project was to create and calculate a winery and prove its profitability within 5 years - architectural, production, economical aspects.

2002 – 2004. University of Food Technologies. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Specialist of Food and Beverages Quality Control

2 years certificate program of "Management of the Quality of Food and Beverages."

2001 – 2004. Technical University. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Manager in Industrial Management (GPA 3.7)

Simultaneously with my wine making degree, I studied as a part time student for three years. I degreed with straight A's (6.00/6.00) on my thesis and an average score 5.30 (max 6.00) from the whole course.

2000 – 2004. University of Food Technologies. Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Bachelors Degree, Engineer of Fermentation Products (Wine, Spirits and Dairy Products) (GPA 3.5)

Studying everything in French, I finished with an average score of 5.22 (B+).

1995 – 2000. High Mathematics School. Shumen, Bulgaria.

My discipline was biology with intensive study in French.

I earned a diploma there with an average score of 5.97/6.00.

Extended Education Courses and Seminars:

2007 – Current – Computer and Spanish classes & finishing Viticulture Certificate @ SRJC

2006 – 2009 – Unified Wine and Grape Symposium @ ASEV

April 2008 – TTB Compliance Seminar

2005 – 2007– Laboratory Management Course @ V&W Management

Dec. 2005 – Seminar in Oak @ Vinquiry

July 2005 – Ammonia, PH, and Dissolved Oxygen Analysis Seminar @ Vinquiry

June 2005 – Wine Appreciation and Evaluation @ SRJC

June 2005 – Latest Enological Tools Seminar presented by Lallemand & Martin Vialatte @ Vinquiry

May 2005 – Wine Spoilage Organisms and Wine Sanitation Seminar @ Vinquiry

Feb. 2005 – Sensory Evaluation Course @ Vinquiry

Feb. 2002 – Certificate in vine nursery management @ Ag. University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

ASEV Member

WLASC Member

CERA Member (Sensory Committee) - Chair 2008

Other Skills:

California's driver's license with clean record. Forklift experience.

Fluent in Bulgarian, English, French, Russian, Spanish.

Experience working with computers.

Using Winemaker's Database, AMS, AutoCAD, MS Word, Excel, Internet Explorer.

Experience working in teams. Humor, passion and a can-do attitude.

