

PRUNERITE

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2020 Grape Picking

Hi, and welcome to the Hunter Valley. My name is Kyle and with my wife Vicki and Son Nick we run a vineyard contracting business in the Pokolbin and Broke area Prunerite Vineyard Contracting. With the help of around 30 casual employees we manage or provide labor hire to around 500 acres of vines throughout the year.

When picking season comes around, we hire up to 80 backpackers and locals.

It is estimated that the 2019 Picking Season will commence approximately the 15.1.20 averaging hours varying from **4 to 8 Hours per Day**, between 10 and 35 Hours per Week.

Please note there is no guarantee of starting on the 15.1.20. It all depends on when the grapes are ripe and ready for picking.

Each afternoon you will be notified as to where we are picking the following day, if difficult to find we will meet you at the Cessnock showground entrance and leave from there.

We start around 6am, so everyone is expected to be there 10 minutes earlier to sign on so we can record your times, you will be required to sign off each day so we can calculate your pays.

We try to finish around lunch as it gets too hot. But some days we have to stay until finished. You

What you need to bring

- wear enclosed footwear,
- a hat
- you **must have a shirt on at all times.**
- Bring sunscreen,
- bring a bottle that you can carry in your pocket or on your back,
- pack your lunch,
- bring a chair if you wish.

You are entitled to a 10-minute morning tea break, usually around 9am and an unpaid lunch break of 30 minutes at around 1pm.

Prunerite will supply

cold water at end of the rows so you can fill your bottles up throughout the day.

There will be a toilet onsite

first aid if needed.

There will be a team leader there if you have any questions. We will also provide instructions and a safe work place.

If you have any concerns regarding pays or anything at all, please contact your team leader first.

DO NOT call Kyle as he is extremely busy throughout harvest. Best to contact via email prunerite@bigpond.com

If you have any concerns and feel that we have not helped you out, by all means you can contact Fair Work Ombudsmen www.fairwork.gov.au

Please if you are new to Australia, log onto fair work website and read about Employer obligations.

Transport

You must have transport. There are no buses and we work at different sites each day.

Accommodation

You are responsible for seeking your own Accommodation however you will find below suggested Accommodation and Contact details....

We find the Cessnock showground is the pick of accommodation. We have arranged to put all backpackers in a shed which is pretty good and out of the weather, or you can camp on the grounds if you wish. There is showers and toilets, and this is the closest park to local shops. Cost is \$15 per night or \$100 per week. If interested call John and tell him, you are working with Prunerite.

- . Cessnock Showground camping... Unpowered Site, Showers available. John 0412235447
- Wine Country Tourist Park corner of wine country drive & O'Connor's Rd Nulkaba 49905819
- Ingenia Holidays Hunter Valley 137 Mt View Rd Cessnock 49902573

You must have a valid working visa.

No, we do not pay cash, so don't ask. All money is transferred into bank accounts electronically. so be extra careful when filling out bank details on form provided. If you give incorrect number and money gets transferred into someone else's account. The money is irretrievable. And will be your loss.

You must have an Australian Bank account in your name

Pay week commences on Monday and ends on Sunday. Pay processing day is Tuesday and your wages will be available to you, in your nominated account on Wednesday or Thursday of each week.

Pay rates for 2019 will be in accordance with the Modern Award which is \$25.79 per hour for Employee's over the age of 18.

Picking days are credited towards 88 days second visa as we pick grapes in the Broke region. Postcode 2330.

Please Note working days towards second visa are the actual days you work. Not the time you spend in Cessnock.

You must have an email account, so we can supply you with pay slip each week. If you don't have you can open a Gmail account, quite easily. No overseas emails please as they can be difficult.

You must have a superannuation account most banks can set up a superannuation account for you.

If you would like to be employed by Prunerite Vineyard Contracting during the 2019 Picking Season, please complete the "CONTACT INFORMATION AND PAYMENT DETAILS" Form and the TAX DECLARATION FORM attached and return to us Via email ASAP.

Please ensure you have Bank, Superannuation and Email sorted before returning forms. And incomplete form may mean you could miss out on picking this season.

We hope to make this experience enjoyable for you and hope you will enjoy the Hunter Valley
Cheers Kyle from Prunerite